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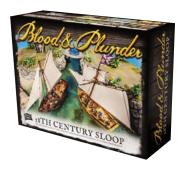


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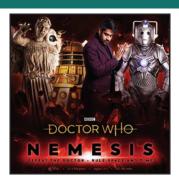


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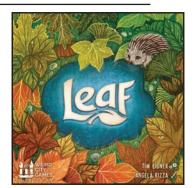
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FROM THE EDITOR

Greetings Dear Readers!

Welcome to your September edition of Game Trade Magazine.

Even as autumn winds approach, things are just warming up and we have some awesome games for you to check out!

We kick things off with Renegade Game Studios' release of the Werewolf: The Apocalypse 5e RPG Core Rulebook. Your adventures in the World of Darkness continue with a whole new generation of Garou – can your characters abate the destruction facing Mother Earth?



And if that's not enough monster action for you, be sure to check out WizKids' latest spook-tacular expansion for *Marvel HeroClix*: Wheels of Vengeance!

Not only is this latest set filled with multitudes of monsters and mystics, you'll also find figures enhanced with all-new Hero-Glo effects! These special figures shine brightest when your games are at their darkest!

If you like your action a bit more cerebral and sci-fi, then you'll want to take a look at *Tesseract* from Smirk and Laughter! This nail-biting co-op is sure to please fans of puzzles and dice games alike, and it's definitely one I'm looking forward to bringing to the game table this year!

Of course, if you're a sci-fi fan and want to inject a little cerebral action into your next RPG, then Evil Genius Games has you covered with their *Total Recall* sourcebook for the *Everyday Heroes* system.

I can go on and on, dear readers, but you know the drill - all this and so much more can be found in the latest issue of GTM!

As we part this month, please join me in wishing my dad a very happy birthday this month. As a young lad, he nurtured my interest in games with such classics like *Sorry*, *Risk*, and many more. I definitely wouldn't be where I am today were it not for all the games we played together as a family.

Happy Birthday Dad! 💗

Game on, -JG

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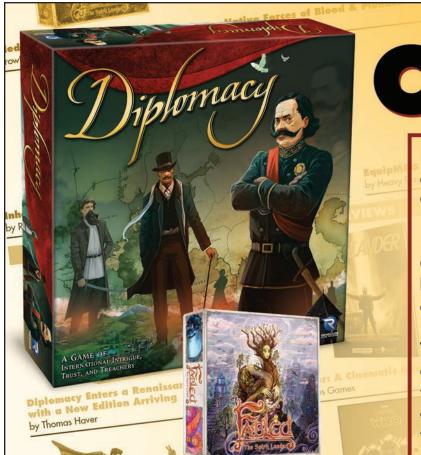
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In GTM issue #282 (August 2023), we accidentally substituted an image of CrowD Games' Fabled: The Spirit Lands in place of Renegade Game Studios' Diplomacy on page four of our Table of Contents. Our sincerest apologies to both contributors, as well as fans of each game, for any confusion.

We strive for excellence with each issue and while minor errors may occur from time to time, this is a first for us — so after careful consideration we are going to put the New Guy in charge.

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Packed with insider scoops, insightful reviews, designer diaries, and extensive overviews of upcoming product, plus exclusive excerpts, scenarios, and collectible inserts from your favorite games and manufacturers, there's no better monthly resource than **GTM** to tap into to feed your gaming needs!

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WEREWOLF THE APOCALYPSE RPG: 5TH EDITION CORE RULEBOOK RGS 01136 \$55.00 Available August 2023!

The long-awaited 5th Edition of Werewolf: The Apocalypse is upon us. The relaunch or reimagining of the Werewolf RPG using the 5th edition Storyteller system arrives at a time that is poignant for humanity, where environmental dangers threaten our existence. As a new generation Garou, you will confront the forces of destruction, avarice, and greed ravaging the earthmother.

Werewolf: The Apocalypse 5th Edition includes everything needed to build your own Garou character and vie for renown as a part of one of eleven tribes. Dive deep into the lore of each tribe and explore their blessings granted to them by mighty Patron Spirit that grants its favor to its followers. Each werewolf also has an Auspice — a blessing of the great moon-spirit. In this way, the rules promote a deep sense of connection between the real-life players, their lycanthropic characters, and the world around them. With this unique system, each player has a chance to explore the division within themselves, where they are forever at risk of losing control as well as the duality that exists in living between two worlds. A reverent expression to how many people may feel about the world in which they live today.





But in the World of Darkness, there is so much more. The supernatural exists. Monsters are real and may exist at any level of society. In this gothic-punk world, player characters must continually confront the machinations of the ever-present Wyrm - a primal force of entropy and decay, considered to be the chief threat to Gaia.



But make no mistake, this game is about RAGE. Werewolf: The Apocalypse is a storytelling game about radical solutions, exploring an environmental apocalypse in which a range of injustices throughout the world provokes urgent responses and violence. Garou see themselves as the caretakers of the environment and will do anything to avert the coming environmental apocalypse. Maily fighting against Wyrm and corrupt society, but perhaps also fighting amongst themselves to assert their tribe's agenda over another's.



results. If character rolls two or more Brutal results this can cause a Brutal outcome. A Brutal outcome causes a test to fail (usually with something being wrecked, harmed, or destroyed), unless the aim of the test WAS to cause damage or injury, in which case a Brutal outcome yields four additional successes. Determining when to use Rage and when to kept in check is a key element to what differentiates the Werewolf RPG.

Included are rules for supernatural benefits known as Gifts: the ultimate expression of a pact between a werewolf and their spirit. Another defining element is the ability of the werewolf character to assume multiple forms. There are five forms in total from Homid (you know, human) to Lupus or pure Wolf form. Of course, there is the most terrifying Crinos: the war-form. It's the form that immediately screams "werewolf!" to anyone observing it. It is the most powerful form in many ways, with raised stats and abilities, but it is also the riskiest. The character — in Crinos form — may go into a Frenzy if it doesn't kill something. Being in a Frenzy has its own milieu of benefits and detriments but it's sure to cause the chronicle to take a major turn for the characters.

This 300+ page hardcover book also includes an introductory story "No Matter How Small" to guide new Werewolf players and veteran World of Darkness enthusiasts through their first game. It includes Callouts for first-time Storytellers to emphasize how to manage the flow of each chronicle, adjust the narrative, and make things their own.



Being mature in nature and dealing with mature subjects, *The Werewolf RPG* core book also includes a Guide for Considerate Play, that allows extensive advice and resources for players and Storytellers to be as inclusive as possible, providing an atmosphere of comfort for the players. This entry in the World of Darkness series doesn't shy from mature themes believing that the inclusion of problematic subjects in a Storytelling game is not the same as glorifying it. The Werewolf RPG calls upon you to face these challenges and overcome them while saving the world from apocalypse.

Will you answer their howl? When will you Rage?

From the game master's or Storyteller's perspective, this presents many unique opportunities for rich and immersive play sessions. This is a game where the differences between us can be celebrated, the social interaction of player characters can take center stage. So much so that from the start players create a Relationship Map to draw lines between important interactions both benign and malevolent.

As with other *World of Darkness* RPG products — the Storyteller system promotes less dice rolling, and more player interaction. But when extraordinary circumstances require extraordinary effort, Skill Tests may be required. Players simply describe what their character is attempting to achieve and how. The Storyteller tells them which of their character's Traits to use to assemble a dice pool. The Storyteller sets a Difficulty which requires a certain number-of successes based on that difficulty; and players roll to see the outcome of that test. But where things get interesting are the use of Rage and Rage Dice.

Perhaps the single most defining characteristic of werewolves, Rage forever roils in the hearts and souls of Garou. It becomes manifest in their bodies and allows them to perform terrifying acts of brutality. In gameplay terms, Rage is a tracker spanning from 0 to 5. This is tracked usually by keeping several Rage dice next to a player. Rage can be gained in multiple ways: howling at the moon, harm, and humiliation and so forth. How this manifests itself in gameplay is that for every point of Rage, a player replaces a regular die with a Rage die in pools. Rage dice have similar faces to regular 10-sided dice, except that "1" and "2" are considered Brutal die

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The crackle of flames, the rattle of chains, the revving of an engine - it's the unmistakable sound of GHOST RIDER! Experience the Spirit of Vengeance like never before in this bone-chilling *HeroClix* set!

As the name suggests, Wheels of Vengeance emphasizes some of the coolest two-wheelers to ever roll across the pages of your favorite comics. However, you will also find mythical mounts like the eight-legged Sleipnir and even the Headless Horseman! Whether you like vampires, vampire hunters, mummies, mysticism, or high-speed motorcycle hijinks - this set has something for you!

On the gameplay side, there are two new takes on vehicles: non-unique equipment that will allow you to get your whole team on motorcycles and "pop-off" style characters reminiscent of the old motorcycle-mounted Black Widow's "TIME TO GET OFF THE BIKE" ability. When a vehicle-riding character is KO'd, a sidelined pilot character can be placed in their last occupied square to continue the action! There's also a running mechanical theme of Fire in this set, where some characters make a special kind of smoke terrain that deals damage to anyone that stands in it for too long.

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delivering badass gameplay, we want to find new ways to make HeroClix figures into hot collectibles. Through other upcoming sets and Iconix products, we will be integrating additional special

effects to give figures textures and styles that are highly collectible!



Daimon Hellstrom

Who better to show off some flashy hellfire than the infernal Daimon Hellstrom? Complete with his signature pentagram birthmark, Daimon is poised and ready to shoot soulfire at any foe who dares challenge him!

Ghost Rider

Reared up and ready to roll! Your opponent will think twice before taking a swing at the chain-wielding Johnny Blaze – whether the lights are on or off!

Iron Fist

Iron Fist is ready to focus his chi on the battlefield. Hero-Glo perfectly highlights the mystical source of his power!

BLAZE OF GLORY!

Consumed by the Spirit of Vengeance, many souls have taken on the role of the Ghost Rider. Whether you prefer the chain whip of Johnny Blaze or the robotic fury of Kenshiro Cochrane, this set has it all! Characterized as a skeleton enveloped in hellfire, each rider has their own distinct powers and personality. Perhaps just as notable as the ghost riders themselves are their mounts, which have ranged from a classic black hellcycle to a flaming stallion. With the Wheels of Vengeance set, you'll be able to cast your Penance Stare upon the



ghost rider's most diabolical demonic adversaries! Lilith, the Mother of Demons, has vied for world domination with the help of her children, such as Blackout. Johnny Blaze and Danny Ketch both fought against Nightmare when he descended from the dream dimension in search of more power. Even Blackheart, spawn of Mephisto, shows up to cause trouble in this set.

THE NEXUS OF ALL REALITIES

In a pairing pulled from some of Marvel's strangest stories, Howard the Duck and Man-Thing make an excellent team! From humble beginnings in Duckworld to the Nexus of All Realities, Howard was thrust across dimensions by the demon Thog, finally landing in the Florida everglades. Man-Thing, who's previous identity was Dr. Theodore "Ted" Sallis, took on his current form while on a scientific expedition to recreate the Super-Soldier serum. You'll be able to join forces with the Legion of Monsters to defend the Nexus!

A HORSE OF COURSE

This set contains a slew of horsemen that

are champing at the bit for some HeroClix action! Carter Slade is prepared to wrangle and tangle with every outlaw, bandit, and crook plaguing the Wild West! Known as the Phantom Rider, Slade has fought to defend the frontier from evil forces that range from human to supernatural. This set also introduces an unexpected ghost rider, the Revolutionary-era Headless Horseman, complete with flaming head in hand! Finally, don't sleep on Sleipnir, who is reared up and ready to fight! Odin's mythological mount will be an incredible asset to any

Asgardian team.

Marvel HeroClix: Wheels of Vengeance hits stores this October!



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Chris Townley, lead designer of the new World of Tanks: Miniatures Game and long-time fan of the computer game takes a closer look at what you can expect hitting shelves over the coming months.



When the World of Tanks computer game originally came out I was instantly hooked. Roaming round a battlefield in a massively armoured behemoth all whilst blowing up enemy tanks was right up my alley. When I was given the opportunity to work on a tabletop version of the game I couldn't have been more excited! Since it's initial release we have continued to expand the game with bigger and better tanks and we are right on the cusp of launching our biggest models yet.

NEW STARTER SET

You can't miss the new Starter Set. Not only is the packaging big and bold, but the pre-painted tanks inside are absolute monsters!

We've included four high-tier tanks; the iconic German Maus, the resilient Soviet IS-3, the legendary British Centurion Mk. I, and finally the American tank designed to counter the Tiger II, the T-29. These are some of the best tanks we have ever made and are already fan-favourites of online gamers.

Inside the box we still have everything players need to play straight away with a variety of upgrade cards for players to personalise their tanks, cardboard terrain, dice and rulebook.

Speaking of the rulebook, existing players will be happy to know that the rules haven't changed so they can grab the box and dive straight in. New players will be playing within minutes thanks to a step by step "your first game" section that means players can start playing quickly, then read the full rules later.

THE LINEUP OF STARTER SET TANKS





NEW PLATOON PACKS

The World of Tanks range has grown over the past few years to include a wide variety of miniatures and we wanted to make life easier for retailers and new gamers alike by creating new Platoon Packs. These packs feature three tanks from one nation making it simpler for fans to collect all the models from one nation. They also contain a selection of upgrade cards, some of which are exclusive to the tanks in the pack, whilst others are useful no matter what a player chooses to field.



These new packs contain existing models from our range and have been designed to give players an interesting mix of tanks that will build upon a players collection.

Our first two waves have iconic models like the Tiger I, Easy Eight, Crusader and T-34, with even more planned!

WHERE TO NEXT

The new Starter Set and Platoon packs are just the beginning of what is going to be a massive year of heavy hitting tanks. We've never been more excited and know that players are going to be amazed at the fantastic range of models we've developed.





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TOTAL RECALL

A CINEMATIC ADVENTURE



EVERYDAY HEROES RPG: TOTAL RECALL CINEMATIC ADVENTURE EVL 07000\$24.99 | Available August 2023!

By the year 2084, humanity has expanded across the solar system. Colonies exist on most planets or their moons, and the wealthy can sail on space cruise ships between worlds to visit exotic vacation spots. For the rest of humanity, there's Rekall — a company that implants memories of incredible vacations without all the hassle and expense of the real thing. Enter this world, find adventures and danger of your own making, and figure out if what you're experiencing is real...or an implanted memory.

Based on the science fiction action film from 1990 starring Arnold Schwarzenegger as Quaid, *Total Recall:* A Cinematic Adventure builds on Evil Genius Games' Everyday Heroes core rulebook for modern d20 gaming. Players can participate in a mission to liberate Mars, enjoy the thrill of space exploration, fight mutants, discover alien technology...all the while knowing their memory may have been altered—by choice or by nefarious foes.

Lead game designer Chris "Goober" Ramsley shares an insider's look at how this game was crafted and what players can look forward to.

What elements went into the design of Total Recall: A Cinematic Adventure?

There were tons of ideas from the film to work with! Elements like mutations, psychic powers, memory alteration, Mars, and alien technology were all things we could model and explore in this book.

How did you honor the film, while tying in elements unique to Evil Genius Games?

the world of Total Recall.

I wanted to include all of the different concepts introduced throughout the film, and then expand on them for the game's rule-book. So I asked: What else can alien tech do? What other mutations could you have? How can you play a game when your own memory might not be trustworthy? There are so many adventures to be had in

What challenges arose as you designed the game?

In terms of game mechanics, I feel like everything fell into place really nicely, but one area I spent a lot of time considering was the connotations of mutations. Mutation mechanics can get really ableist really fast if you're not careful. Ultimately, I included "detrimental" mutations that give you mechanical penalties, but I also made sure to call out that they exist only to let you balance out taking cool mutant powers. You never need to use them if you don't want to, plus you can

always have any kind of mutation you want without it having any mechanics attached to it.

How do the character classes stand out in *Total Recall*?

There are some wild classes in this game! To start with, there are three mutant-specific classes that represent having such awesome mutations that it takes a whole class to contain them. You can be a Mutant Psychic like Kuato, a Mutant Giant who gets to be large size, or a Mutant Shifter with shapeshifting powers. There's also the Mind Doctor, who carries around portal Rekall tech and can mess with peoples' minds, and the Martian Gadgeteer, who gets a ton of wild Martian technology. Plus, there's the Spy, letting you play a hero like Quaid.

Are there any cool new elements you'd like to highlight?

Beyond the new classes, another cool thing you get in this book is rules for all kinds of intense environments. Gravity, pressure, and temperature rules let you play games set on other planets, in the

vacuum of space, or deep underwater. There are also rules for using an enemy as a human shield.

What can gamers expect when they play?

A real wild ride, I'd say! *Total Recall* is all about big action and big twists. The GM has plenty of curveballs to throw, but so do the players!

Anything you'd like to share about the included adventure, The Enemy Is Us?

One cool tidbit is that my dad has written a bunch of research papers about the moons of Mars, and we got to use some of that information in writing the adventure here. Just expect the fictional reason there are mysterious grooves all over Phobos to be a little more science-fiction than the real research suggests.

Any final thoughts about what makes this game unique?

I think Total Recall especially shows both how versatile our core rulebook, Everyday Heroes can be, and also how much cool stuff can be added to it. You can play a psychic mutant fighting robots on Mars, and it still feels like Everyday Heroes!

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This fall Thunderworks Games will release *Gulpax's Secret*, the follow-up campaign to *Roll Player Adventures (RPA)* and its first expansion, *Nefras's Judgement*. All are set in a fantasy world that has been expanding since *Roll Player* first launched in December 2015.

From the beginning, Thunderworks Games designer and publisher Keith Matejka wanted to create a game that would resonate with as many people as possible, allowing players to insert themselves into the characters they were building.

"I liked this idea of a wide-open game where you could mix and match everything," Matejka said.



BIRTH OF ULOS

Alone, Roll Player and its focus on character building was a small, self-contained world. It wasn't until expansions and other games appeared that the World of Ulos took shape.

"Initially, I didn't think of the game as being in a specific world,"

Matejka said. "But over time, and out of necessity with the design
of new games, the world became more detailed."

Roll Player's Monsters & Minions and Fiends & Familiars expansions populated the world with creatures, large and small. Lockup:

A Roll Player Tale expanded the world to a specific setting, inside Kulbak

prison. Cartographers broadened the world even more with players mapping a variety of different regions, and Dawn of Ulos explored the power of gods and the birth of the world itself.

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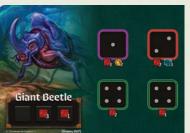
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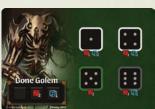
At every step, designers and developers were breathing life into a larger, more complex fantasy world, but not without some challenges in fitting everything together. This was especially true with the more than three-year development of the story-driven RPA, a cooperative game for 1-4 players featuring 11 interwoven adventures and a replayable sidequest, all of which feature branching story paths and impactful consequences for players' choices and actions. "RPA sets up this challenge of how do we fit all of this into the puzzle, and we don't even know what the puzzle looks like yet," Matejka said. "We have to carve out a section to explain how one thing works, and then carve out a section to explain how another thing works."

Due to its scope, RPA turned all the previous world building on its head, as what was previously a collection of primarily disparate fantasy elements became a cohesive world, replete with interwoven stories in lands populated by colorful characters, locations, armies and rulers, and even a pantheon of gods.

In RPA, the players themselves become the heroes and have the option of using characters they created in Roll Player or choosing pre-generated characters. They face challenges, explore new lands, make friends and enemies, solve puzzles, fight monsters and make important decisions that shape the story itself.

When *Gulpax's Secret* releases, players will see even more of how the entire line of *Roll Player* games ties together thematically.





AN RPA PREQUEL

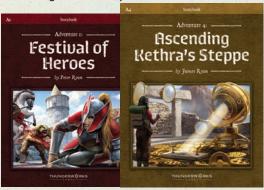
Gulpax's Secret contains an all new seven-adventure campaign that transports players back a full 2,000 years before the events of RPA. The story unfolds during a peaceful time, but an ambitious queen, a coalition of northern tribes and an inventor's powerful device all intersect in an engaging storyline that evolves with every chosen path.



True to form, Gulpax's Secret leans heavily into The World of Ulos lore that's sprinkled throughout the Thunderworks Games' lineup and treads new ground.

For instance, players visit The Frozen Expanse and Hornhelm, locations featured in *Cartographers* expansions of the same name. Players encounter Khathandor before he becomes a military leader.

He is later memorialized as the first-player token, Khathandor's Horn, in Lockup: A Roll Player Tale. One of the most iconic inclusions is the Immortal Knight, depicted in red armor on Roll Player's box cover. As a being who takes on many forms throughout the ages, players meet one of the knights in the very first adventure!



The branching stories in *RPA* and the overlapping lore with other Thunderworks Games' titles is a feature Matejka very much enjoys.

THE FUTURE

"I am a lover of all things 'easter eggs'," Matejka said. "Elements in all of our games give us a foundation to build more of the world."

As the catalog of Thunderworks Games grows, a Wiki was created to keep track of it all, and a world map illustrates how the regions and locations fit together.

There's even a 428-page graphic novel, Tales of Ulos, on the way. Releasing at the same time as the RPA reprints and expansions, the book features four illustrated stories of fan favorite heroes and villains.

Further ahead there will be even more games to illuminate a world that has evolved into a life of its own, but only Azema — the mythical creator of Ulos — knows what comes next.

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By MITCH REED



ne of the biggest factors that led me to play Blood & Plunder from Firelock Games was the amazing models. The sculpts were so well done and unique

that they were a draw for me, along with the excellent and tight rule set. These first models were metal casts, and they were great to paint as well. As the game grew in popularity, the need for more sculpts that could represent the myriad of equipment certain models needed also grew as new lists came out.

I have stated many times in the past that due to the period that Blood & Plunder covers and the fact that many of the forces in the game were irregular forces, players could build models and then use them for multiple lists and factions. As the period of the game advanced, more standard armies fought in the colonial Americas, and some of the lists needed unique painting and configuration if you wanted a force that looked historically correct.

This is where the move to plastic really benefited the Blood & Plunder community. With the Raise the Black Kickstarter, Firelock Games started to produce plastic sprues that allowed you to create six models in various poses and equipment that could make your army look as it should. The new plastic line features boxes for Soldiers, Sailors, Militia, and Native Americans. The new line also has cavalry that gives you 6 models and the Pirates of Legend box which allows you to build 10 of the most well-known and deadly characters that make the period so fascinating.

This move gave players so many more options and the ability to apply their knowledge of history to their painting skills. For me, the Soldiers box was one I really needed since the armies I wanted to start to play looked different than the models I was using before. By using head swaps, I could ensure that my forces had the correct headgear, and with my Sailors, that they had a "brace of pistols," grenades, or muskets. Having the models with the right weapons makes gameplay so much easier, and by seeing the physical model

on the table properly armed, you will not forget an upgrade you gave to a singular model or unit.

Aside from the benefits to playability, the models themselves are really works of art and will look great no matter how well you can paint. I found them very easy to build, prime, and paint. I was also able to look at my past lists and then build the new plastic models so I could represent the proper upgrades that I have usually selected for them. Each sprue gives you multiple options for each model, which is something you could not do with the older plastic models.

The models are quality and are sturdy. At no time did I have to use "green stuff" to fill a gap or cover a seam from my assembly. The new models are also easy to work with, and I was able to "kit-bash" a few models to make them unique enough to represent any special characters I decide to put in my force.

This brings up a point that newer players are sure to ask: yes, the new plastic kits are compatible with all the past releases in the **Blood & Plunder** line. For new players who may really like the forces covered in the first book, the new plastics are the way to go.

I do recall that when Firelock Games announced they were moving to plastic kits, a vocal minority who love metal models started to grumble. I never really understood this thinking. I buy models to play a game, and once they are painted, who really cares what the base model is made from? All gamers who love Blood & Plunder should see how this move is great for the game. It gives gamers more agency to craft their models to fit the forces they want to play, and the utility of the new models will help grow our community since it lowers the "collection" bar to enter the game.

I know that once you get your hands on these models, you will agree with my points above, and I cannot wait to see all of the plastic kits on game tables all over the place.



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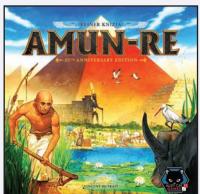
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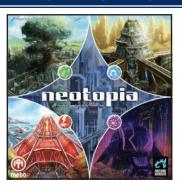
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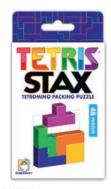
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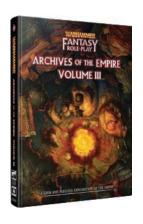
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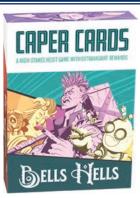
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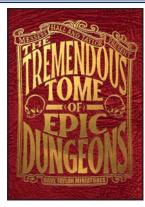


COSMIC FROG: FIND MUCK EXPANSION

The Cosmic Frog: Find Muck expansion adds mental powers to the game so that your frog is no longer merely immortal and invulnerable, but psionic as well! Mental powers open the way for mental combat and gullet purging.

DWE 5050.....\$34.99

DAVE TAYLOR MINIATURES



THE TREMENDOUS **TOME OF EPIC DUNGEONS**

The Tremendous Tome of Epic Dungeons is a high-quality, 160-page hardback book, clad in red faux-leather, embossed with gold foil, and filled with more inspirational 3D dungeon builds than an adventurer could safely navigate in a lifetime! Author Jeff Hall and Dave Taylor present their own epic dungeon builds using commercially available parts, 3D-printed elements, and scratchbuilt creations. In addition, there are creations from some of the best "dungeon" builders and awsome collections across a wide variety of epic builds! Scheduled to ship in July 2023. DTM 1051.....\$55.00

DYSKAMI PUBLISHING

BIG EYES, SMALL MOUTH RPG 4TH EDITION



MULTIVERSE MAPS

In the myriad realms of imagination, there are an infinite number of worlds within an ever-shifting sphere of reality. They are ready for you to visit and explore. All you have to do is find them. This boxed set contains eight full-color maps of worlds from the Anime Multiverse, as detailed in the BESM Fourth Edition role-playing game and its BESM Multiverse expansion book. The maps are sufficiently large (30" x 24") that they can be prominently displayed on a wall or overlayed on your gaming table during play. A sheet of building stickers is also included for marking custom places on your maps. Scheduled to ship in July 2023. DYS 502\$39.95



MULTIVERSE SETTING COMPANION

In the myriad realms of imagination, there are an infinite number of dimensions ready for you to visit and explore. BESM Multiverse is your gateway to the many Worlds of the Cosmic Web. This books details the Anime Multiverse: BESM Fourth Edition's official setting that spans across all genres and themes. Journey throughout the six Prime Worlds, a dozen Inner Worlds, 42 Outer Worlds, and an endless variety of Beyonder and Parallel Worlds. Scheduled to ship in July 2023.

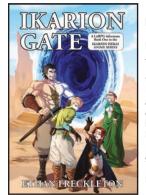
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URESIA - GRAVE OF HEAVEN

In the myriad realms of imagination, there is a world in which the Heaven died and the sky fell – but that was a long time ago. BESM Uresia is your gateway to return to the Grave of Heaven. This volume collects nearly the entirety of S. John Ross's extensive works on Uresia over the past 20 years (which started as a BESM Second Edition expansion in 2004), then adds new exclusive material and BESM Fourth Edition game content. Scheduled to ship in September 2023.

DÝS 501\$49.95



IKARION GATE: A LITRPG ADVENTURE

Ikarion Gate is an isekai LitRPG adventure novel -Book One in the Ikarion trilogy – that unfolds in BESM's Anime Multiverse setting and provides in-game BESM Fourth Edition stats for the characters. The novel follows the exploits of Tito, a down-on-his-luck and anonymous Imago slummer. Daily, he logs in to Monad's Ikarion VR MMO to earn survival "gang protection" money in his alter ego identity as Card, the Hedge Merchant. With his fellow player friend Perk, the cheerful Agrarian Dwarf, and a host of other unlikely companions, Card is about to discover there is much more to the Ikarion game and its mysterious gate than he could have ever imagined. Scheduled to ship in September 2023. DYS 580\$29.95

FACADE GAMES

PARKADE

Parkade is a quick, easy-to-learn party game for 3-13 players. It takes 5-15 minutes and there is zero set up. Convince the guard that the word on your vehicle "fits" with the word on any of the open spots. The first driver to park all of their vehicles wins! In each of the 3 play modes players will race to convince the parking guard why their vehicles pair with the open spots. Scheduled to ship in November 2023.



FANROLL BY METALLIC DICE GAMES







SHADOW LIGHT UV REACTIVE ELIXIR LIQUID CORE DICE SET

Scheduled to ship in October 2023. MET 968\$74.99



SHADOW LIGHT UV REACTIVE INDIVIDUAL D20 ELIXIR LIQUID CORE DICE

Scheduled to ship in October 2023. MET 96820 \$19.99

NAMIJI: AQUAMARINE EXPANSION

Aquamarine is the first expansion for Namiji. Aquamarine adds the whirlpool and additional creatures to the game. It is an expansion and cannot be played without the base game Namiji. Scheduled to ship in September 2023

FUF NAMAQUAUS01......\$24.00

FUNFORGE



MONUMENTAL: CORE BOX

In Monumental, each player will control a civilization that will evolve through his city: a grid of 3x3 cards (coming out from the player's starting civilization deck) that can each be activated to gather various resources such as Science, Military, Production, Culture, and Gold that will allow them to trigger many actions. But there's a trick: one cannot activate all their cards at once, which means that tough choices will have to be made each turn in order to select the cards that are the most needed. Scheduled to ship in September 2023

FUF MONUCLAUS01\$95.00



TOKAIDO: DUO

In Tokaido Duo, two players pace the smallest isle of the Japanese archipelago. You will discover its many sceneries through the eyes of three different characters, and will thus experience a threefold spiritual journey. Scheduled to ship in September 2023

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TOKAIDO: CROSSROADS EXPANSION

Crossroads will open new doors and many new possibilities to make the journey even richer and more strategic. FUF TKDCRU.....\$24.99



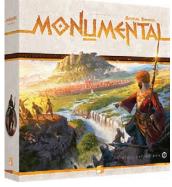
TOKAIDO: MATSURI 5TH EDITION EXPANSION

Matsuri is a Tokaido expansion that brings new cards and tokens to the game. With this expansion, the players live the Japanese feasts and festivals. These cards modify the way each section of the road is played. This doesn't transform the game, but adds even more depth and strategy in the same way that Crossroads did. Scheduled to ship in September 2023 FUF TKD06\$24.99

MONUMENTAL: AFRICAN EMPIRE EXPANSION

African Empires is an expansion to Monumental with new civilizations and game play mechanisms including quests, a new continuous play mode and advanced economics. Scheduled to ship in September 2023

FUF MOAECLAUS01.....\$69.00



MONUMENTAL: LOST KINGDOM EXPANSION

The Lost Kingdoms civilization box is the perfect expansion to Monumental with 4 new Civilizations: Aztecs, Mughals, Amazons and Atlanteans (all perfectly compatible with the 5 Core civilizations) as well as more terrain tiles with new environments (desert, jungle, islands, Aztec pyramids) to enable an all-new 5 players mode! Scheduled to ship in September 2023

FUF MOLKCLAUS01.....\$69.00



ANNIVERSARY EDITION This peaceful game, by the award-

winning game designer Antoine Bauza, uses multiple mechanisms: set collection, point-to-point movement and variable player powers.

FUF TKD01 \$39.99



ILIMAN

In Namiji, you are fishers from the Japan of yesteryear, navigating south of the Japanese archipelago, a few kilometers from the famous Tokaido road. You will need to have a fruitful day at sea to win the game. Scheduled to ship in September 2023

FUF NAMUS01.....\$44.99





TOKAIDO: MATSURI MINIATURE FIGURES ACCESSORY PACK

Scheduled to ship in September 2023

FUF TKD07\$22.99

STAR TREK AVAY MISSIONS MINIATURES BOARDGAME



Lead your away team into the aftermath of the Battle of Wolf 359, where the Borg have crushed the only fleet standing between Earth and assimilation.

Lead Riker's away team into the wreckage and search for information that will defeat the Borg to save Earth, or join Locutus of Borg and the Borg Collective to assimilate your opposition.

\$25 | STA002 SELA'S INFILTRATORS

Romulans are always after more intel on their foes, learning their strengths, weaknesses and how to defeat them.

- · Contains Sela's Infiltrators Away Team
- Includes 5 miniatures & 70 new mission & support cards



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Klingons are warriors trained from birth to fight and few others can stand up to a Klingon in a one-on-one fight. As a Klingon player, you can't go wrong by simply getting up close and personal with the enemy Seek out honor and the death of your foes.

- . Contains Gowron's Honor Guard Away Team
- · Includes 4 miniatues and 70 new mission & support cards





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STA-OP01 | \$25







STAR TREK: AWAY MISSIONS Q ORGANIZED PLAY KIT



Star Trek Away Missions Organised Play launches with the Q OP Kit, host exciting in-store events with exclusive prize support. Designed to help you run exciting events, this kit is designed to help grow your in-store community.

Q, an enigmatic entity from the Q Continuum, delights in spreading chaos in the lives of mere mortals, instilling valuable lessons in the process. This organized play kit has everything you need to play a four game campaign for up to 10 players. Perfect to bring your gaming group together for a big event or ongoing meetings.

Contains:

- 10 Q Miniatures & Character Cards
- 150 Cards
- 62 Tokens

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STAR TREK: AWAY MISSIONS CAPTAIN PICARD EXPANSION



Captain Picard
returns to the site
of the Battle of Wolf
359 to establish
peace between the
squabbling factions and
restore the primacy
of the Federation in
interstellar matters.

Contains:

- 5 Miniatures and Character Cards
- 70 Mission and Support Cards
- 1 Core Mission Card
- 16 Tokens

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STAR TREK: AWAY MISSIONS HOUSE OF DURAS EXPANSION

COMING SOON

The Duras Sisters take the remains of their house to Wolf 359 in the hope of finding plunder to finance their return to Klingon politics and to redeem their honor - by any means necessary.

Contains:

- 5 Miniatures and Character Cards
- 70 Mission and Support Cards
- 1 Core Mission Card
- 9 Tokens





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HEXTECH: WAVE 2

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Combine these Highways and intersections with the Hextech buildings from Wave One to really bring Trinity City to life.

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- 10x Fully Painted Road Sections
- 32mm Scale
- Tabletop Ready Terrain

HIGHWAY INTERSECTIONS



- 10x Fully Painted Road Sections
- 32mm Scale
- Tabletop Ready Terrain

ATLEAN STEPPES

SEPTEMBER



- 10x Fully Painted Hills
- 32mm Scale
- Tabletop Ready Terrain

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SCREAM THE GAME

Would you like to play a game? The brutal killer Ghost Face is back in Woodsboro, and you'll have to combine wits to stay alive! As the clock ticks down, help each other escape the murderer... but watch out! If Ghost Face calls you, you are his next target! It's terrifying fun you'll die to play again and again! Scheduled to ship in July 2023. FNK 70515......\$19.99



GAMELYN GAMES

TINY EPIC CRIMES

Scheduled to ship in November 2023.



TINY EPIC CRIMES

Tiny Epic Crimes is a fast-paced, crimefighting, deduction game for 1 to 4 players that offers multiple ways to play. The game can be enjoyed competitively, cooperatively, or solo. Players take on the role of detectives, and depending on the game mode, will be working either together, OR separately, to crack the murder case. Time matters, and the first 48 hours after any crime are the most critical. Players race around Echo Ridge City collecting evidence, such as the murder

weapon, forensics, or the getaway vehicle. GLG TECRE

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4 PACK DETECTIVE NOTEBOOKS

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GLG TECA02.....\$25.00



6 PACK BULLET DICE

GLG TECA04.....\$10.00



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GLG TECA01.....\$30.00



KINGPINS EXPANSION

In the Kingpins expansion, one of six Kinapins have taken over the city. You must gather your wits and take them down, adding precious time to hamper your ability to solve the murder. The identity of the Kingpin will be revealed through game play. GLG TECKP\$15.00

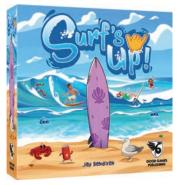
GOBLINKO GAMES



DUNGEON DEGENERATES: HAND OF DOOM

This is the 5th print run with some slight additions and improvements. Dungeon Degenerates: Hand of Doom puts the players into the boots of hardened criminal adventurers, escaping from the dungeons of Brüttelburg into a deranged, demented, dark-fantasy world of swords, sausages & sorcery. Players attempt to make their way through a series of interconnected weird, nasty & mysterious adventures as the world of the Würstreich gets progressively more dangerous & the Hand of Doom descends distorting the land with evil sorcery. Scheduled to ship in November 2023. GOB DD002.....\$99.00

GOOD GAMES PUBLISHING



SURFS UP

Scheduled to ship in October 2023. GOP 023\$25.00

GOODMAN GAMES



DUNGEON CRAWL CLASSICS: #105 BY MITRA'S BONES. MEET THY DOOM

Scheduled to ship in August 2023. GMG 5115\$9.99



MUTANT CRAWL CLASSICS: #15 THE MUTANT MENACE OF LAB 47

Scheduled to ship in August 2023. GMG 6225\$10.99

GREATER THAN GAMES



PURRFECT MATCH

Your cat café has all the accouterments and staff to open its doors, but you are still missing one important feature: cats! In the set-collection game Purrfect Match, you want to be the first person with two of each type of cat to win. GTG PURR-CORE......\$19.95

GREENBRIER GAMES



FOLKLORE: ANNIVERSARY EDITION

Scheduled to ship in September 2023. GNE FL70\$69.95





WIZARDS OF THE GRIMOIRE

In this two player strategy card game, you must fulfill your destiny and become the Keeper of the Grimoire. Defeat your opponent by drafting new spells from the magical Grimoire, casting them, managing your cooldowns, and dealing massive damage. Scheduled to ship in October 2023.

GRI 001\$35.00

LORE OF AETHERRA: THE LOST **DRUID CAMPAIGN SETTING (5E)**

Lore of Aetherra: The Lost Druid is a 5th Edition adventure designed to bring characters from level one to five, and is the first in an expansive 4-book saga of science-fantasy adventures that will take your players to level 20. Scheduled to ship in September 2023.

HPP B-011.....\$59.99

GYLD



WEATHER DICE (5)

Scheduled to ship in October 2023. GYD DDSET-WEATHER-F.....\$25.00

PODAMAJIGS

The Podamajig is the ultimate solution for storing your game cards & accessories! Scheduled to ship in September 2023.



CARDBOARD CRACK

HPP POD-006.....\$29.99

HAMMERDOG GAMES



Forge is a worker-placement strategy game in which players take on the role of medieval blacksmiths. In a trade where reputation means everything, they strive to earn the respect of their customers and peers. To do so they will complete contracts, train apprentices, develop their smithy, and race to earn achievements. Variable paths to victory allow players to combine tactics with their favorite mechanics. The player that collects the most victory points is said to have the best reputation in the land, and is declared the winner. Scheduled to ship in November 2023.

HDG 7777\$60.00



CHAOS HPP POD-023.....\$29.99



FADED ACADEMY

HPP POD-021\$29.99

COMING SOON!



Candela Obscura Core Rulebook

A new investigative horror RPG in a gilded world simmering with occult magic, using the Illuminated Worlds System and featured in a new show on Critical Role!

MSRP: \$39.99

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Caper Cards: Bells Hells

Assemble the members of Bells Hells to pull off a legendary heist in this cooperative card game!

MSRP: \$14.99

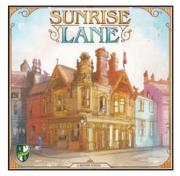
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GAEA IN BLOOM HPP POD-018.....\$29.99

SCORCHED LOTUS HPP POD-009.....\$29.99



SUNRISE LANE

Even behind the appearance of the most serene and romantic residential neighborhood lies fierce competition between construction companies to build it! Grab the most prestigious plots of land and build beautiful houses, but don't forget the requirements of the town plan to accumulate bonus points and claim victory! Scheduled to ship in September 2023. LUM HG178.....\$34.99

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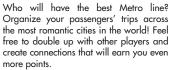


LAND PANORAMA HPP POD-007.....\$29.99

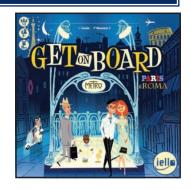


TEMPLE CATS HPP POD-008.....\$29.99





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INCREDIBLE DREAM

KINFIRE CHRONICLES

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NIGHT'S FALL

Kinfire Chronicles: Night's Fall is a cooperative campaign game for 1-4 players that blends thrilling fantasy adventure with tactical, edge-of-your-seat combat. Play as one of six unique Seekers and work together to journey into the world of Atios and save the city of Din'Lux before the last ember of kinfire is extinguished forever. Scheduled to ship in September 2023.

IDS AYA10010101\$149.00



THE NECROMANCER

POWER GEMS

HPP POD-015.....\$29.99



TEMPORAL MAELSTROM

HPP POD-010.....\$29.99

TERROR AT GREBLY MANOR HPP POD-011.....\$29.99



VAINGLORY'S GROTTO - 1ST EDITION

In Kinfire Delve: Vainglory's Grotto, players take on the roles of Seekers dispatched to one of the mysterious and magical Wells of Atios. Players must work together as a team to delve to the bottom of the Well and defeat its Master to prevent them from being unleashed upon the world. Set in the world of Kinfire Chronicles, this press-your-luck card game can be enjoyed by fans and newcomers alike. Scheduled to ship in October 2023.

IDS AYA11010101\$19.99



HPP POD-014.....\$29.99

FREEHAND

Free Hand is a creative party game where anyone can make a masterpiece! Each round, image cards will be set up in the

middle of the table, and each player will secretly choose one to be their inspiration. The goal is to paint something close enough to your inspiration that everyone can guess what image you picked. The twist? You're painting with cubes! The players must use a wooden "artist's pen" to push around mini cubes, and make an abstract masterpiece that evokes the image card they chose. Scheduled to ship in September 2023. IBC FHD1\$24.99

KONAMI DIGITAL ENTERTAINMENT

YU-GI-OH! TCG: 2-PLAYER STARTER SET DISPLAY (10)

The new Yu-Gi-Oh! TCG 2-Player Starter Set is the perfect way for any new Duelist to learn the ropes, with a friend, their family, or all by themselves! Using 2 different Decks to go headto-head, the Starter Set's 64-page comic book walks you through a scripted (non-randomized) Duel to teach Yu-Gi-Oh! TCG basics from the beginning, from your first card draw, through Summons and battles, to the Extra Deck's Synchro and Xyz Monsters. **NOTE:** This item is sold to retailers in full displays. Please contact your retailer for availability.

KON 86230.....\$199.90





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YU-GI-OH! TCG: 25TH ANNIVERSARY RARITY COLLECTION BOOSTER DISPLAY (24)

The 25th Anniversary Rarity Collection is a spectacular all-foil set with 79 of the game's most popular cards, each available in 7 different rarities, including 2 brand-new rarities: Super Rares, Ultra Rares, Secret Rares, Quarter Century Secret Rares (celebrating the 25th anniversary!), Platinum Secret Rares (last seen in the 2015 Mega-Tin!), New "Prismatic" style Collector's Rares (made with extra sparkle, this is the same as the Japanese "Collector's Rare" technology previously available only in Asia!), and New "Prismatic" style Ultimate Rares (with a raised 3D varnish effect, this is the same as the Japanese "Ultimate Rare" technology previously available only in Asia!). **NOTE:** This item is sold to retailers in full displays. Please contact your retailer for availability.

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YU-GI-OH! TCG: AGE OF **OVERLORD BOOSTER DISPLAY (24)**

A new age dawns this fall with Age of Overlard, the latest core booster for the Yu-Gi-Oh! TCG. You can discover the ancient secrets of brand-new themes, unlock the untapped potential of themes from the past emboldened by new cards, or even get your hands on a highly sought-after Quarter Century Secret Rare! Age of Overlord has something for everyone! Now with a brand-new form, this Dragon/Fusion/Pendulum Monster allows Supreme King Z-ARC to ascend to a level previously not thought possible! NOTE: This item is sold to retailers in full displays. Please contact your retailer for availability. KON 86291





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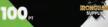
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130pt Magna-Armor Holders DIA STL258375	PI























IRONGUARD MAGNA-ARMOR COLOR MAGNETIC CARD HOLDERS

A Magna-Armor magnetic cardholder is already the perfect treatment for special cards, but what about those cards that are a little more special? Make your cards stand out with our new Yellow and Black-bordered 35pt cardholders, for those cards that are already standouts in your collection. Available in a counter display of 25.





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You have magnetic cardholders for your cards, but what about those sealed packs of cards you just can't bring yourself to open? Store a 10-card or 15-card-pack in safety and comfort with these magnetic-closure Magna-Armor cases, made of high-quality acrylic. You may not want to open a pack of cards again! Available in a counter display of 20.

10-Card-Pack Magna-Armor Holders DIA STL258367PI
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IRONGUARD PENNY SLEEVES

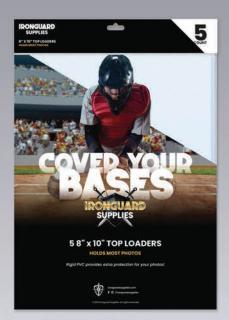
Keep your thicker trading cards safe as houses with Ironguard's new 130pt Penny Sleeves. It's quick, affordable protection for all of your treasured cards.

130pt Standard Penny Sleeves (pack of 100) DIA STL258392PI

IRONGUARD CARD TOPLOADERS

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If you're going to get a photo signed, don't just tack it to the wall – protect it for all time with the 8" x 10" Toploader from Ironguard! This rigid frame is the perfect size for publicity stills and head shots, and will keep your collection crisp and organized. Available in packs of 5.

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IRONGUARD TOP LOADERS 35PT RETAIL PACK OF 25 DIA STL215472 PI

IRONGUARD TOP LOADERS 35PT RETAIL YELLOW BORDER PACK OF 25 DIA STL215474 PI

LEMERY GAMES



REVIVING KATHMANDU

Reviving Kathmandu (the second game in the Globetrotter Series) is a bidding and set collection game for 1-6 players. In the game, players are builders who travel to Nepal. They'll compete to earn the title of Most Respected Architect in Kathmandu. Scheduled to ship in November 2023.

LMG RK001.....\$40.00



REVIVING KATHMANDU: SENIOR ARCHITECTS EXPANSION

The Senior Architects Expansion takes the gameplay of Reviving Kathmandu to the next level with Character cards, Public Goals, and Advanced Missions. Advanced Missions give more points to players, but are harder to complete than those in the base game. If you play with the Advanced Missions, return the regular Mission cards to the game box. Scheduled to ship in November 2023.

LMG RK002.....\$12.00

LUCKY DUCK GAMES



SENJUTSU: BATTLE FOR JAPAN

1-4 Players duel as Samurai using slick deck construction mechanics, simultaneous reveal combat and beautiful miniatures. Control 1 of 4 fearsome Samurai, warriors bout to the Bushido Code, each with their own strengths, weaknesses, and motivations. Using Senjutsu's deck construction mechanics, forge a unique deck of devastating attacks, powerful blocks, timely mediations, and dynamic special moves. Scheduled to ship in October 2023

LKY SNJ-R01-EN.....\$50.00

MAGPIE GAMES



AVATAR LEGENDS RPG: GM SCREEN

Scheduled to ship in October 2023. MPG 88888\$19.99



AVATAR LEGENDS RPG: REPUBLIC CITY

Avatar Legends: Republic City is a 8.5 x 11" supplement for Avatar Legends: The Roleplaying Game featuring a full, deep description of Republic City in the Korra Era; new rules for mecha, vehicles, and pro-bending; new playbooks and techniques; and more! Scheduled to ship in October 2023.

MPG 99999\$39.99

MANTIC ENTERTAINMENT



INVINCIBLE THE DICE GAME

The Guardians fo the Globe are recruiting for an open spot in their group of super heroes and you are determined to prove your worth! Players take the role of the hopefuls who are required to undertake a live trial by battleing villains and besting other heroes! Who can earn the most reputation and join the Guardians, without losing the respect of their peers? 2+ players take turns trying to progress as far as they can through the Challenge deck, whilst battling enemies and gaining reputation. Will you lose too much energy or will you bask in the glory you have earned? Scheduled to ship in October 2023.

MGE MGIN101\$20.00



THE WALKING DEAD THE DICE GAME

Rick Grimes is recruiting for an open slot in his group of hardy survivors and you are determined to prove your worth. Players take the role of the hopefuls who are required to undertake a live supply run by exploring a known hot zone infested with Walkers and other survivor groups! Who can recover the biggest stach of resources as they explore the rooms and vehicles of the abandoned town? 2+ players take turns to explore as far as they can through the Exploration Deck, whilst battling enemies and gathering supplies. Will you be overwhelmed by the Walker horde, or will you escape? Scheduled to ship in October 2023.

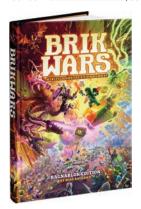
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ACHTUNG! CTHULHU 2D20: VIVE LA RESISTANCE

In this brand new Achtung! Cthulhu Resistance-themed source book you'll find ample opportunity as a player to explore new Resistance archetypes like Assassin, Saboteur, Propagandist, or Resistance Leader, with new weapons, equipment and tools to help you lead the fight back. MUH 0010329\$30.99



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The BrikVerse is dying. Plastic-brick models gather dust on shelves instead of smashing into each other or exploding even slightly. Their construction matches their box covers - no unexplained tentacles or myriad redundant laser cannons. Their pieces are banished from the floor, never to pierce an unsuspecting Human foot. Minifigkind cries out for a new breed of Hero - more irresponsible, more ridiculous. Scheduled to ship in September 2023. MUH 117001 \$49.99



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The Great Game: Houses of the Landsraad is a complete 128-page supplement for Dune - Adventures in the Imperium that expands your campaign away from Arrakis into the vast and deadly Imperium. It offers the opportunity for your House to vie for power among its peers. Politic with your rivals, bring power and wealth to your House, and challenge your position among the most deadly powerbrokers of the Landsraad.

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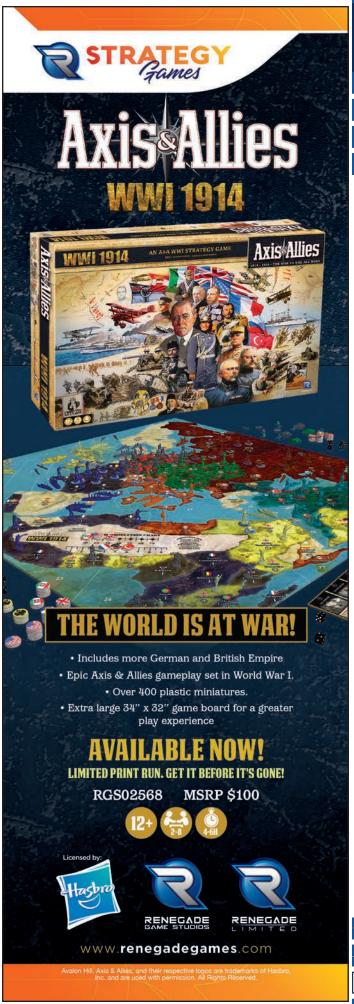
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STAR TREK ADVENTURES RPG: LOWER DECKS CAMPAIGN GUIDE

The Star Trek: Lower Decks Campaign Guide expands upon the core Star Trek Adventures roleplaying game experience by providing detailed advice on creating junior officers and using them to tell amazing Star Trek-style stories with the fun, irreverent tone presented in Star Trek: Lower Decks.

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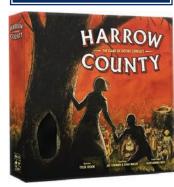
MONTE COOK GAMES



PLANAR BESTIARY (CYPHER SYSTEM)

This beautifully illustrated collection is filled with over 150 wonderful, terrible, and weird creatures that add extra planar excitement to your Cypher System campaign. Whether your PCs are exploring the planes, or find these creatures closer to home, these monsters add an engaging and unexpected twist to your encounters. MKG 329 \$44.99

OFF THE PAGE GAMES



HARROW COUNTY: THE GAME OF GOTHIC CONFLICT

Harrow County: The Game of Gothic Conflict from Off the Page Games is a thematic, tactical, game of territory control and enemy elimination to determine the fate of Harrow County. In this asymmetric combat game, players can play as one of the Protectors, trying to rescue townsfolk, or as one of the family, trying to destroy Harrow County. Scheduled to ship in November 2023. OTP GHC001\$65.00

OINK GAMES



NINE TILES EXTREME

While the basic rules of arranging tiles to match a theme card are the same as in the regular *Nine Tiles*, this version introduces multi-purpose patterns that can be matched by either color or shape. Will you have to match the shapes this time? Or is it the colors? Here comes the speed puzzle game that will confuse your brains even more! Scheduled to ship in November 2023.

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TOWN 77

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WHALE TO LOOK

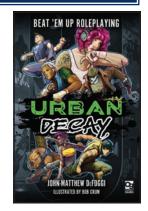
A bay full of huge whales and orcas, and quite popular among whale-watching tourists, is becoming overrun with four companies. The whales on the other hand, seem to be enjoying themselves, sometimes showing up, sometimes not..... As one of these tour companies, you must decide where to send out your boat! If you dillydally too long, one of the rival companies will pass by, but sometimes when your own investigation isn't enough, you might need to follow a rival company! Scheduled to ship in November 2023. ONK WTL\$23.00

OSPREY GAMES

URBAN DECAY

Urban Decay is a roleplaying game of beat 'em up action inspired by classic arcade video games, movies, and comic-books. Players take on the roles of warriors, martial artists, vigilantes, and ordinary citizens, taking to the streets to face the gangs that control the City and to save the people and places they love. Streamlined character and crew creation produces distinct, capable heroes with shared goals and bonds, while the versatile Clash system emphasizes the brutal, gritty street-fights in which these heroes will find themselves. The City itself is built collaboratively, with players working together to define the districts and neighborhoods for which their heroes will go to war. Scheduled to ship in November 2023

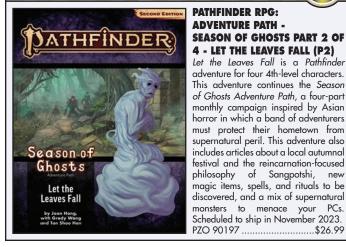
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4 - LET THE LEAVES FALL (P2) Let the Leaves Fall is a Pathfinder adventure for four 4th-level characters. This adventure continues the Season of Ghosts Adventure Path, a four-part monthly campaign inspired by Asian horror in which a band of adventurers must protect their hometown from supernatural peril. This adventure also includes articles about a local autumnal festival and the reincarnation-focused philosophy of Sangpotshi, new magic items, spells, and rituals to be discovered, and a mix of supernatural monsters to menace your PCs. Scheduled to ship in November 2023. PZO 90197\$26.99

PATHFINDER RPG: FLIP-MAT -**NIGHT MARKET & SHRINE**

While the night market might offer comforts and meals, and the trip up the mountain to the remote shrine is scenic, dangers are never far away. This line of gaming maps provides ready-to-use and captivatingly detailed fantasy set pieces for the busy Game Master. The next time your players spend the evening at the local market or head up along the idyllic mountain path, these maps have you covered. With Pathfinder Flip-Mat: Night Market and Shrine, you'll be ready the next time your players seek comfort or enlightenment, only to be ambushed along the way! Scheduled to ship in November 2023.

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There's more than metal in these starships! Ever have the urge to grow your own plant starship? What about finding a space whale and adding some tech to its insides to use to traverse the cosmos? This double-sided map features a pair of living starships that players can claim as their own and pilot through the stars. On one side you'll find a plant-ship perfect for spacefaring Xenowardens, while the other side contains a technologically modified oma space whale. These compelling, gorgeously illustrated maps work great as memorable backdrops to boarding actions, ship-in-a-bottle sessions, or general starship exploration! Scheduled to ship in November 2023.



PEGASUS SPIELE NORTH AMERICA



BLACK HOLE BUCCANEERS

Black Hole Buccaneers is a fast-playing drafting game which not only offers new situations and a lot of interaction with other players, but also difficult decisions due to various card effects. In each round, everyone at the table plays one card and passes the remaining cards to their neighbor. Whoever can escape the black hole in the scoring phase of a round gets to score their collected items and thus comes a little closer to victory Scheduled to ship in

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CARNEGIE: DEPARTMENTS & DONATIONS EXPANSION

This expansion includes four modules including: A new beginning (A notepad to customize your starting resources), 16 new departments, New Donations (4 new donation tiles), and Optional rules. Scheduled to ship in September 2023.

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DORI DINO

Oh no! All the Dino Eggs have rolled out of their nests! That naughty Dori Dino must be at it again! Dori loves to roll all the Dino Eggs together to create a colorful mix. Quick! We must roll the Dino Eggs back into their warm nests before the Dino Babies hatch! Scheduled to ship in September 2023.

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LIVING FOREST: **KODAMA EXPANSION**

The dreadful Onibi has never been more dangerous... He has set foot in the Circle of Spirits and is ferociously attacking the Sacred Tree but the Spirits of Nature aren't fighting alone: Sanka has sent small beings of light, the Kodama, to help them. Scheduled to ship in September 2023.

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MEMO MISSION

Complete the missions on display in the right order and collect valuable crystals. Experience amazing adventures with dragons and vacuum cleaners! Scheduled to ship in August 2023.

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Today is the big day! Your apprenticeship with the renown inventor Professor Charlie has begun. However, when you arrive at his workshop he is nowhere to be found. Instead, his rusted letterbox is stuffed to overflowing with letters... exactly 25 of them. They are all addressed to you. The Professor is on a mysterious expedition: can you solve his riddles and his secret discovery? Scheduled to ship in August 2023.

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SNACK HAPPENS

All the people are gone? Finally, now it's time to make some really fat booy! Get the tasty snacks from the fridge with the pets. Scheduled to ship in September 2023.

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DEBT OF BLOOD

DOOMTOWN: DEBT OF BLOOD

Mysterious disappearances have tensions running high in Deadwood, South Dakota. In the badlands, Ursula's Worm Cult prepares a macabre ritual. Sheriff Seth Bullock prepares to lead a combined posse of townsfolk and First Peoples to stop them before it's too late. Meanwhile, Marshal Bass Reeves is hot on the trail of Jack McCall who is hiding from the ghost of "Wild" Bill Hickok, and Hao T'e Zui's Righteous Bandits are set to clash with E.B. Farnum and his allies in the Deadwood Miner's Alliance. Which of these feuds will be paid off in a debt of blood? Scheduled to ship in September 2023. PBE 01013\$39.99

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SUPERHEROIC RPG (5E)

This 286-page guide is loaded with exciting new content that brings all the action from comics and movies to your 5E game. It has all you need to create, equip, and play the superhero of your dreams: a lone vigilante, a cosmic powerhouse, or the mother-of-all street fighters. Scheduled to ship in September 2023. \$2P 50000\$49.99



SUPERHEROIC RPG: AUGMENTED **OPERATIVE REGISTRY COMPANION (5E)**

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The 128-page AOR catalogues over a hundred superpowered beings for your campaign worlds: friendly heroes from neighborhood defenders to galactic super-teams, dangerous threats like combat robots, assassins, mercenaries, alien invaders, eldritch horrors, and mythic beings. Find multi-genre threats from classic horror to superspy, four-color comic action to far future fantasy. Scheduled to ship in September 2023. S2P 50001\$39.99



SUPERHEROIC RPG: MIDNIGHT CITY **SETTING BOOK (5E)**

This 124-page setting book invokes Iron Age themes with four-color action providing a place where street level vigilantes, magicians, occultists, and paragons of hope join forces to take back a once-shining city from the clutches of a time-travelling sorcerer and the smugglers, criminals, and forces of evil that now plague Midnight City. Scheduled to ship in September 2023.

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Phoenixborn and Chimera Expansion Decks! The Phoenixborn Rin, Lulu, Aradel and Koji return to battle, this time teamed up against the mighty Chimera; The Frostwild Scourge! Each of these returning Phoenixborn come equipped with a new signature card, and ANY of them can be used with the ALL NEW natural-magic preconstructed deck included. Scheduled to ship in November 2023. PHG 12265......\$29.95

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HOLIDAY CALENDAR (2023)

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A Deluxe Challenge for Your Opponent! The new Pokémon TCG: Deluxe Battle Decks offer a step up for players who are ready for a challenge, with more advanced strategies and additional power cards. Each 60-card deck includes 3 foil cards and everything you need to play right away. Let the deluxe battle begin! PŪI 290-85258......PI



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Store Your Cards in Style! Store up to 60 of your latest and greatest Pokémon cards in this mini portfolio. Each portfolio comes with a Pokémon TCG booster pack, so you can start filling it up right away! **NOTE:** This item is sold to retailers in full displays. Please contact your retailer for availability. PUI 290-86495......PI



MY FIRST BATTLE CARTON (12) If you've always wanted to play the Pokémon

Trading Card Game with family and friends, the Pokémon TCG: My First Battle set is the perfect introduction. With a streamlined game and foolproof guidance, you'll be ready to train and battle together. Everything you need for two players is included! NOTE: , This item is sold to retailers in full displays. Please contact your retailer for availability.



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Call on the Power of Evolution with Pokémon ex! Command a rousing performance on the battlefield with a fully evolved first partner Pokémon ex! Choose the sneaky magic of Meowscarada ex, the fired-up singing of Skeledirge ex, or the dazzling dance moves of Quaquaval ex in the Pokémon TCG: Paldea Partners Tin. Then, find even more Pokémon for your team inside the included booster packs! PUI 210-85293......PI



TRADING CARD GAME

POKÉ BALL TIN (Q3 2023) DISPLAY (6)

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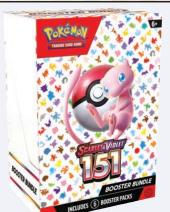
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BINDER COLLECTION

How Many Pages Can You Fill? Just like a Pokedex, a binder makes it easy to keep track of your Pokémon collection! With this 9-pocket binder, you can show off up to 360 of your favorite *Pokémon TCG* cards. Get a head start filling it up with 4 booster packs from the special *Scarlet & Violet*—1.51 expansion!



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COLLECTION - ALAKAZAM EX

Attack from the Bench - with Alakazam ex! Alakazam ex plays mind tricks on your opponent by attacking from the Bench! After evolving from Abra and Kadabra, this formidable Pokémon ex shows off its Psychic-type prowess no matter where it stands on the battlefield.

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Q-WORKSHOP



ADVENT DICE CALENDAR #04

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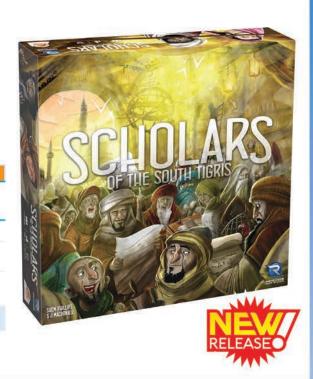
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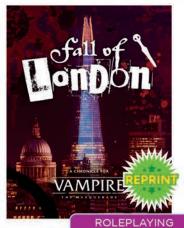
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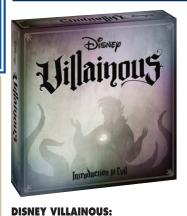
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BLACK FRIDAY

Try to gain as much gold as possible by dealing in shares before the huge stockmarket crash. Try to earn enough cash by cleverly buying and selling shares, so you can spend it on the coveted precious metal. If you are the best in manipulating the market development and share prices, you have the biggest chances to win the game. Black Friday offers an independently acting opponent, the M.I.B.S. (minimally intelligent broker service). Depending on the number of players you have, you may be able to opt to play with or without the M.I.B.S. Are you able to cut it down in size? Scheduled to ship in August 2023.

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Gain one time and permanent advantages to do even more for the good of Faiyum. You need the base game Faiyum to play with the privileges. Contents: 42 cards, 15 wooden parts, 1 rules glossary booklet. Scheduled to ship in August 2023.

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Finally you have time again for a pinball session. Lets see how long you can keep the ball running on your favorite old pinball machine this time. If everything runs perfectly, you will start the nerve-wracking Multiball, or you gain an Extra Ball to play an additional round. Can you achieve a new High Score, or do you lose the balls faster than you are able to push the flippers? Scheduled to ship in August 2023. RGG 655

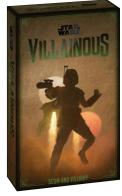
STAR WARS VILLAINOUS: SCUM & VILLAINY

INTRO TO EVIL D100

September 2023.

Meet your destiny as Star Wars' Boba Fett, Seventh Sister, or Cad Bane. Wield your sinister influence and unique abilities to manipulate events in your favor. Are you powerful and clever enough to fulfill your dark destiny before your opponents? Scheduled to ship in September 2023.

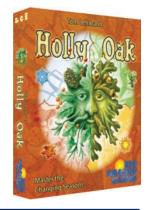
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HOLLY OAK

A seasonal trick taking card game by Tom Lehmann3-5 revelers mark the passing of the seasons, seeking the favor of the Oak and Holly kings. Scheduled to ship in August 2023.

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RESTORATION GAMES



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Unmatched Adventures: Tales to Amaze, which is themed around the pulp adventures, tall tales, and local legends of the mid-20th century, gives you a whole new way to play *Unmatched*. In the game, players work together to defeat one of two villains: Mothman or the Martian Invader. If the villain completes their objective (or defeats the heroes), the players lose. The villains are aided by a number of possible minions: Jersey Devil, Ant Queen, Loveland Frog,

The Blob, Tarantula, and Skunk Ape. Scheduled to ship in November 2023.

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SPIRE RPG: CORE RULEBOOK 5TH ANNIVERSARY

In Spire: The City Must Fall, players take on the role of a rebel cell in service of a forbidden goddess of shadows and misdirection, and it is their mission to overthrow the government with a mixture of espionage, rabble-rousing, illegal magic and murder. Spire offers players a variety of weird and wonderful character classes, such as the hyenatoting Carrion Priest, the mass-transit wizard Vermissian Sage, the backstabbing Masked, the spiderblooded occultist Midwife and the Bound, who has trapped a loose god in their knife and refuses to let it out. Scheduled to ship in September 2023.

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ROXLEY GAMES

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Each year, the Mad King hosts a tournament of champions with the greatest prize a hero could ever want: The Throne. Will you be the one bold enough to take it? Scheduled to ship in October 2023. ROX 665DTI\$30.00

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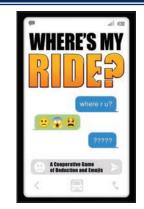
SLUGFEST GAMES



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In Tales you will take on the role of one of the famous characters from The Red Dragon Inn series of games as they tackle their day job of being big damn heroes. The multi-scenario campaign pits the players against game-controlled enemies tailor-made for each illustrated fold-out game map. Each scenario will take you to a new map, with new foes and even a few tricky puzzles to solve. You'll need to work together with the other players by equipping hero and item cards to support your allies who have their own unique abilities and roles.

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WHERE'S MY RIDE?

In Where's My Ride?, a co-operative game of deduction and miscommunication for 2-7 players, you and your friends are divided into a party of riders and a single driver who are trying to meet up for a rideshare. There's a big problem, though! The app is bugging out big time; it's not sharing rider or driver locations, and the messaging features have gone haywire. Riders will use a deck of quirky, autofilled text messages to ask the driver where they are parked.

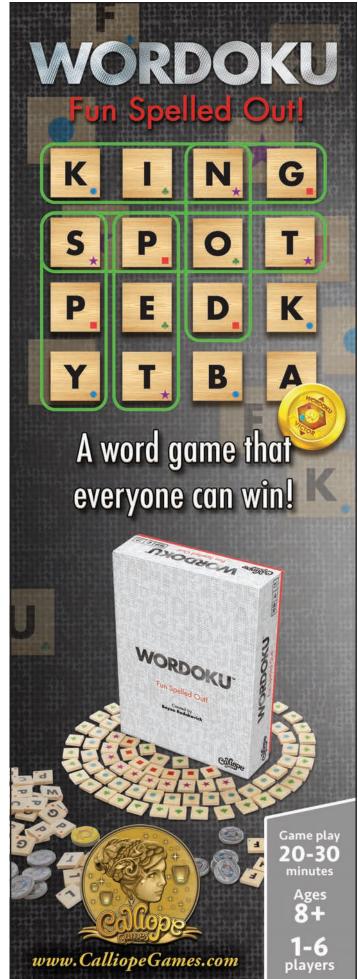
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THE RED DRAGON INN: BATTLE **FOR GREYPORT - CHAOS IN COPPERFORGE EXPANSION**

In this expansion to our cooperative deckbuilding adventure game The Battle for Greyport, you'll be able to protect the landmarks of a whole new city, halt a train heist, and KO steampunk-flavored mecha pilots. New Scenarios, new Bosses, new Locations and new Monsters are all a part of the package!











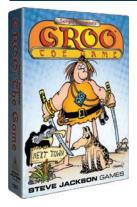
RESIDENT EVIL: THE BOARD GAME

Enter the home of survival horror in this cooperative campaign board game for 1-4 players. Step into the boots of Jill Valentine, Chris Redfield, Rebecca Chambers, or Barry Burton to search for secrets and survivors in an open world crawling with enemies. Navigate 19 spine-tingling scenarios filled with horrifying surprises and fiendish puzzles, make choices that matter and could even change the course of your campaign. Or, play each scenario as a terrifying standalone experience. Every resource must be managed; every bullet counted. And all the while, the danger level is rising around you...

RESIDENT EVIL: THE BOARD GAME -INTO THE DARKNESS EXPANSION



STEVE JACKSON GAMES



GROO THE GAME

In Groo: The Game, players compete to be the first to build a large town by playing building cards that give them victory points. Of course, this is no picnic, hindered as it is by other players' rampaging armies and the frequent bumbling visitations of Groo the Wanderer, determined by the roll of a set of dice, which can also grant players resources with which to build and "Groo heads" with which to damage the unfortunates who have Groo in their village. Players can also develop armies to attack other players' cities. This edition of Groo: The Game contains both the original base game and the expansion. Scheduled to ship in November 2023.

MUNCHKIN

MUNCHKIN: RATS

We've shared our lives with rats since...forever. Rats were here long before we were! Now those rats, and their rodent kin, are gnawing their way into your *Munchkin* deck. *Munchkin Rats* introduces 30 new cards to add resources, rapacity, and of course, rodents to your game. Thirteen of those cards are monsters, and the rest are packed with rat-ical Items and Curses that you'll love! Scheduled to ship in November 2023.

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PATHFINDER: REVOLUTION!

Pathfinder Revolution! is a game of bidding and intrigue for three to six players. Secretly bid against your opponents for control of important people and guilds, gaining influence in different regions throughout the city, as well as more gold, power, or blackmail for your war chest. Gold can sway the Guildmaster, and blackmail may turn the Hellknight to your side, but sometimes the only answer to a problem is force. Can you use the tools of gutter statecraft, bluff or outguess your opponents, and build a coalition to control the city? Scheduled to ship in November 2023.

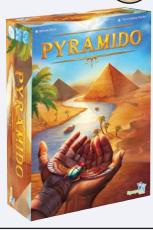
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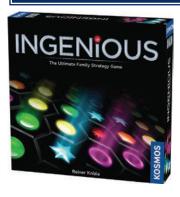
PYRAMIDO

Pyramido is a tile-placement game in which each stage of the pyramid creates connections between them. Players take turns choosing from the available dominoes to create their pyramid. To maximize their points, players must match the jewel icons on the dominoes and place their markers of the same colors to activate the scoring areas. Each choice of domino and its positioning has a significant impact since the previous stages influence the score throughout the game. Scheduled to ship in September 2023.

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Ingenious is an abstract tile-placement game in which the players take turns placing tiles in the shape of two connected hexagons into a hexagonal grid on the board. The game includes 120 domino-style tiles, each consisting of two hexagons connected along one side. Each hexagon has one of six colored symbols in it, with most tiles having two different colored symbols and some having two of the same colored symbol. This highly awarded, international bestseller has been redesigned with a plastic board.

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THUNDERWORKS GAMES

ROLL PLAYER ADVENTURES

Roll Player Adventures is a cooperative storybook board game for 1-4 players set in the world of Roll Player. Players inhabit characters, face challenges, and make decisions that will change the story as they progress through 11 core Adventures and a replayable Side Quest. Adventures does not require the Roll Player base game or



any of its expansions to play. Pick from one of six pre-generated characters, or import a favorite *Roll Player* character and take them on a heroic journey.



ROLL PLAYER ADVENTURES: GULPAXS SECRET EXPANSION

Roll Player Adventures: Gulpax's Secret is a new seven-adventure campaign for the critically-acclaimed, cooperative storybook board game for 1-4 players. Players take on the role of fantasy heroes to face new challenges, explore new environments, meet new characters in the world of Ulos, and make meaningful decisions that change the story. Scheduled to ship in December 2023.

TWK 4502\$64.95



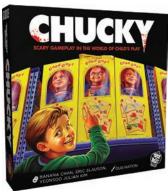
ROLL PLAYER ADVENTURES: NEFRAS'S JUDGEMENT EXPANSION

Nefras, the snake-faced goddess of judgment, rules over the realms of Dream and Memory. She observes all souls in the planarverse to discover their true nature and reward them accordingly. But Nefras is not the goddess of Justice. She does not bring order to the lawless or punishment to the wicked. Instead, the scale-faced one merely assesses the hearts of all heroes and empowers them with appropriate gifts. Scheduled to ship in November 2023.

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CHUCKY: SCARY GAMEPLAY IN THE WORLD OF CHILD'S PLAY

In this game you will compete to score the most points while facing the infamous Chucky. As Survivors you will gather evidence in Headlines, Research, and Clues to prove Chucky's existence and your innocence. Can you outsmart the murderous doll and escape his wrath? Scheduled to ship in November 2023. TOT CPB01\$59.95



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Introducing Universal Monsters Unchained, a thrilling deckbuilding game that brings iconic creatures like Frankenstein, Dracula, and the Mummy to life! Engage in strategic card play and explore exciting synergies as you build your monster deck. Chain powerful abilities together to outmaneuver your opponents and claim victory. With each turn, unleash attacks, play skillful combinations, and acquire new cards to bolster your monster arsenal. Will you master the art of deckbuilding to become the next apprentice of the Universal Monsters? Unleash your inner monster and experience the thrill of Universal Monsters Unchained! Scheduled to ship in November 2023. TOT UDB01\$39.95



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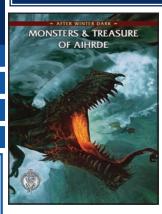
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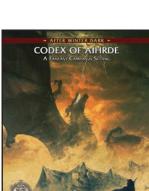
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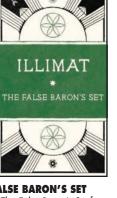
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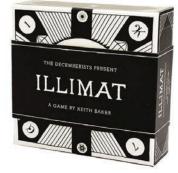
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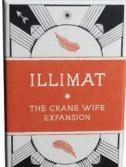
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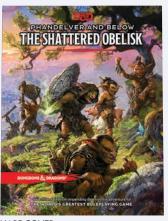
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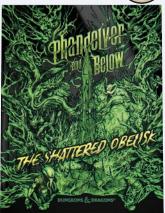
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NIGHTMARE OF THE FROGMIRE COVEN - MAPS & MONSTERS EXPANSION

This expansion set is a companion to the Dungeons & Dragons: Onslaught Harpers vs. Zhentarim core set, featuring stunning monster miniatures, a new doublesided game board, and eight sinister scenarios designed to freeze your blood and test your tactical acumen. Fight your way to the frightening Froghemoth, with removable tentacles and eyestalks that let you switch between underwater and above water versions! It also features a new deck of item cards to swap with the core set item cards, providing new

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From the rich lore of Dungeons & Dragons, these 3" plush charms feature famous monsters made miniature and look great attached to anything. Wave 3 includes Mind Flayer, Tarrasque, Intellect Devourer, and Flumph. Which monster will accompany you on your travels? Roll for initiative and find out! Scheduled to ship in December 2023. NOTE: This item is sold to retailers in full displays. Please contact your retailer for availability.

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JOKKMOKK: THE WINTER MARKET

In Jokkmokk: The Winter Market, you gather your family for a lovely trip around the folk festival. Each player gets two meeples representing their family members, who will move around the board to gain experiences, food, souvenirs, and more. Two decks will be used to populate the market as the game progresses from the morning to evening. Claim trinkets and souvenirs as you visit vendor stalls! The game board is lined with vendor stalls, each with a card representing its wares. Scheduled to ship in October 2023.

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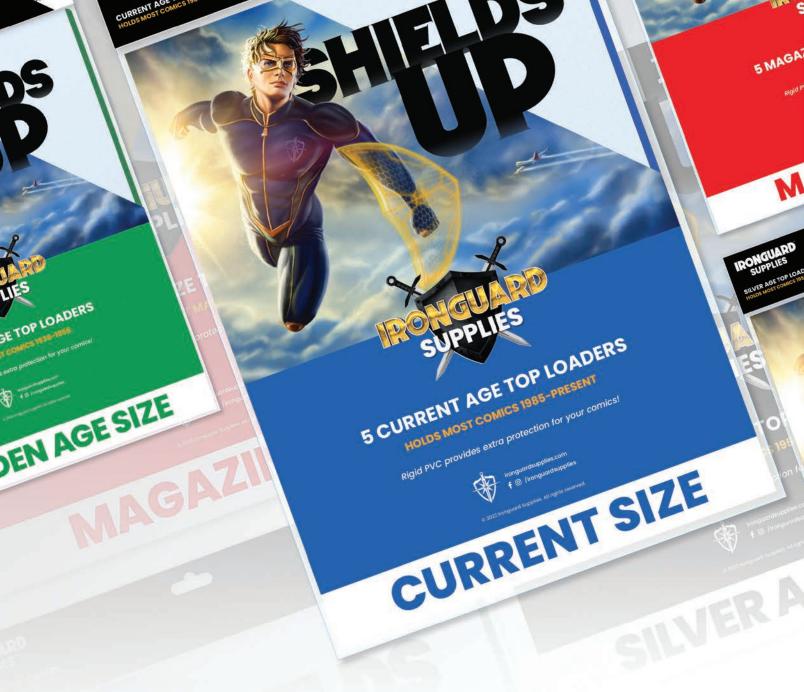
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TESSERACT

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TESSERACT, coming soon from Smirk & Dagger Games, is one of the most collaborative cooperative games we've ever seen. Where some co-ops can be subject to a single player taking over to quarterback everyone's activities, such a strategy will likely hurt your chances of winning Tesseract. The result is a dynamic game, with no downtime between turns, because each player is actively playing every turn together, looking for opportunities that may have been missed by the others. So, what opportunities can tip the balance in your favor? What strategies should you hold in your heads as you approach this challenge? Well, dear reader - press on.

THE TESSERACT

Standing atop a rotating platform at the center of the playing area is an impressive cube of 64 colorful custom dice, emblazoned with alien iconography that give it a mysterious other-worldly feel. This is the Tesseract, an alien artifact that is priming itself to tear a hole in time/space and destroy us all. You are Researchers from around the world, trying to puzzle out how to shut it down. It's a game of dice manipulation — and one of your key Actions is to Remove individual cubes off the Tesseract and place them in your Lab. There you can adjust their values, trade them with others and, importantly, place them into the Containment Matrix. The trick of which is to carefully regulate how many cubes you pull off the Tesseract. Remove the last one before you fill the Containment Matrix,

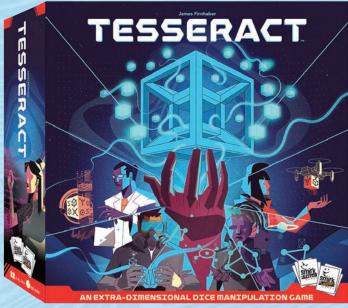
and you've lost. But looming as the bigger problem is that at the bottom of every column of dice on the Tesseract is a Threat icon, which when revealed will activate to make your life hell. The Threats may have you immediately Prime another cube in a chain reaction or destroy a certain value die in every player's lab, etc. You want to stall the Threats as much as you can, so the quicker you deplete the dice, the quicker you hasten your demise.



Filling the Containment Area with one cube of each color and value is how you win the game but, more often than not, players will LOSE the game because they failed to manage the Primed Area sufficiently. At the end of each turn, the Tesseract sheds one cube of the

lowest height and value and rolls it into the Primed Area. If the Tesseract manages to roll a value that creates a stack of three or more of that value, a Breach occurs. It only takes 7 Breaches to





this problem can escalate quickly. So, while you struggle to contain cubes - spend enough of your Actions to mitigate this risk. Even the action of Containment can help. If you Contain a cube with the exact color and value of a cube in the Primed Area, it will destroy one. So, an excellent strategy can be to look at the Primed Area before containment, to see if a quick adjustment will result in a matching cube that can be destroyed! But now, let me turn that logic upside down. Later in the game, you may have stacks of two or more dice on a number of columns. For example, two "6"s, two "5"s and two "4"s has a 50% chance of a Breach at the end of the turn. It is interesting to note that if a PLAYER creates a column of three or more cubes of a value, it will not Breach, giving players a risky choice. In the above example, you could adjust the values of a "6" and a "4" to both be "5"s. It won't Breach as a result — and now, your odds of Breach are just 1 in 6.





RESEARCH CARDS

Research cards are earned throughout the game, often as LVL 2 cards. These are useful free actions that can help in a pinch. But one of the most underutilized Actions a player can take is Study. It allows you to trade in a Research card for one of the next





higher level. The pink LVL 4 cards are extremely powerful and could well tip the scales in your favor — so don't forget to Study for them.





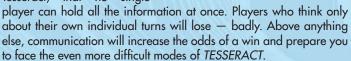


COMMUNICATION

As we said at the outset, collaboration is the key. To win, you'll likely need to discuss each player's turn as a group to find the synergies and the opportunities to gain an edge. You'll be asking for and offering help on other player's



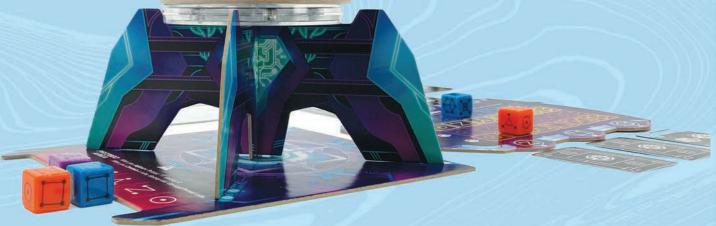
turns, planning who can best contain which cubes, and suggesting which cubes to remove — or to leave for others. There is so much information, between unique character abilities, earned Research cards, the Primed area — even the different perspectives viewing the Tesseract, that no single



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Curt Covert is the owner of Smirk & Dagger Games and the designer of Cutthroat Caverns, Hex Hex, and Nevermore, just to name a few. For the past 20 years, he has been shaking up game tables with unique game experiences, eye-grabbing table presence and a desire sweep you up in the world of the game.



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ORD OF RINGS

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THE LORD OF THE RINGS: ADVENTURE BOOK GAME RVN 60002037...........\$34.99 | Available Q4 2023!

The Lord of the Rings Adventure Book is the latest title in the Ravensburger Adventure Book series (following The Princess Bride & The Wizard of Oz). How this epic film trilogy was translated into an 8-part immersive game is an exciting tale of its own.

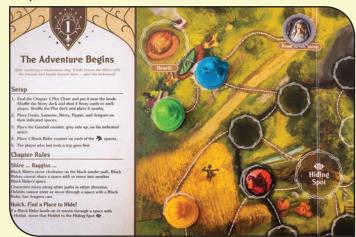
How did you get involved in the project?

Jay: Ravensburger asked if I would be interested in designing The Lord of the Rings Adventure Book Game. Ravensburger is a publisher I've always wanted to work with and designing a Lord of the Rings game was on my Game Designer Bucket List. How could I say no?

Marcus: My good friend Jay Little gave me a call and asked if I'd like to co-design a game with him for Ravensburger. I said sure, absolutely. Then he told me the IP and I was over the moon.

Describe your design process from idea to prototype.

Marcus: For this project, I immediately rewatched the whole of the extended versions of the trilogy. For my personal design process, I try to replicate the 'on table' experience as much as possible even in my early prototypes. When I got to something I considered acceptable to show to others, I created a digital version for Tabletop Simulator. Almost all of the playtesting was done online. Jay and I would each build our chapters for the format and try them out with each other and Shanon (the Ravensburger Game Developer). Anything passing our initial tests would then get uploaded to Discord for the playtesters to try out.



How did you distill down to only 8 chapters?

Jay: This was incredibly difficult! We created a detailed design document and listed all the events and the action that were "must have" story elements. Then we looked for ways to combine some of the ideas into concepts we felt best reflected not only specific moments but supported the sense of scale and variety of the narrative.

What was your favorite chapter to design and why?

Jay: Easily Chapter 3: The Mines of Moria. I knew I wanted there to be two fights going on at the same time, forcing players



to split their attention and actions between Aragorn, Gimli, and Legolas handling the cave troll while Gandalf faces the Balrog. Marcus: Chapter 6: Helm's Deep. The tenor of the scene is a valiant battle, orchestrated by a series of cascading retreats and standoffs. Gandalf's arrival with the Riders of Rohan ultimately turns the tide, but the men in the fortress had to hold out long enough for it to happen. Figuring out how to get that feeling, recreating the story beats, and making the characters feel powerful, but overwhelmed by superior numbers, was a fun challenge to put together.

If you could have designed 1 more chapter, what would it have been?

Marcus: I'd have loved to do a chapter entirely inside Gollum's head fighting with Smeagol over what they should do with Frodo, Sam and their quest to destroy the Precious. That scene in the movie is genuinely a crowd pleaser and translating that character's internal turmoil and madness into a whole chapter could have been very weird and very fun.

Jay: I think there are some interesting things you could do with the encounter where Gandalf learns of Saruman's betrayal and his own dark desire for The One Ring, and eventually Gandalf escapes with the help of the Giant Eagle.

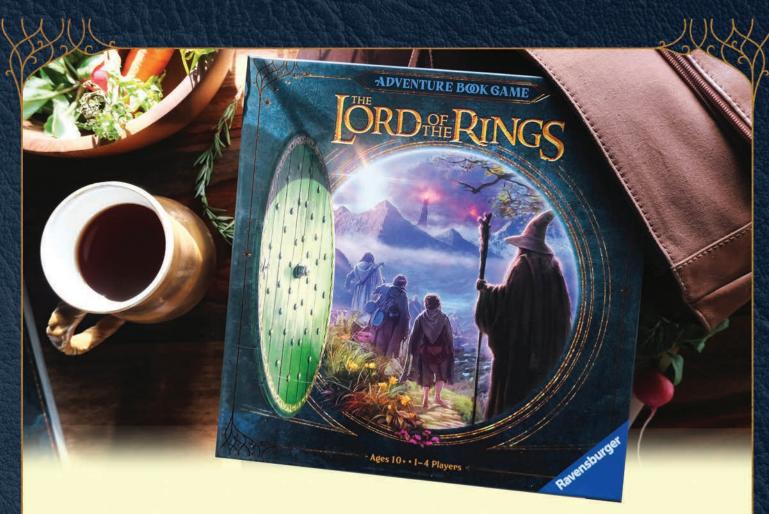


What was your biggest design challenge?

Marcus: The prior two adventure game books were filled to the brim with great ideas... that we simply could not use lest we repeat what the audience has seen too closely.

What was your biggest design accomplishment?

Jay: Having a persistent sense of Corruption was an important design goal for me. The One Ring is almost its own character, and its presence is felt throughout the story. I think we did a great job of



making The One Ring tempting as Wild Cards but also as unique effects in each chapter. The Corruption track also provides great replay value.



Marcus: Adding the extra powerful abilities for the Ring cards to each chapter enhanced that feeling and the temptation to use them. We made sure each special power was far better than any single card could replace and incredibly useful for its specific Chapter. It's the idea we collaborated most closely on, and it set the tone for the whole project.

Now that the game has been at some conventions and out in the world, what has been the reaction?

Marcus: Exactly what I hoped but didn't dare to dream. People understood what we were trying to do and thought we nailed it. Surely there are deeper, longer Rings games, but this one puts the emphasis on fun first and progresses players through the whole story pretty quickly.

Jay: It has been amazing. It's been rewarding to see so many positive reviews and comments from YouTube game reviewers and sites like BoardGameGeek. I've even received some fan mail from players who have been lifelong fans of The Lord of the Rings and just dropped

a note to tell me how much they enjoy the game or mention how immersive it felt.

What is your favorite moment from seeing the game out in the wild?

Marcus: I honestly love anytime someone tells me which Chapter they struggled with the most and the feeling they had when they finally beat it.

Jay: I watched the end of a game where a group of players decided to power through all 8 Chapters in one session. They ended up losing the campaign, but immediately flipped back to Chapter 1 to play again.



Who is your favorite character from the films?

Marcus: Sam is literally perfect; no notes. But for second place I'd have to go with Gimli. Always authentic and up for a brawl despite the fact virtually everyone he fights is twice his height. You never have to guess what he's thinking.

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Grab your colored pencils, it's time to solve a MURDER



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As a paranormal detective, your visions can be the key to solving cases that have been deemed unsolvable by authorities. You and the paranormal detectives in the Griffinfly Society have been hired by authorities to assist in solving a murder, but will you be able to let the spirits guide you and your team to the answer that closes this case? In An Exquisite Crime: A Surreal Storytelling Experience you and your fellow paranormal detectives need to work together to decipher clues to help solve a mystery using only teamwork, your wits, and your sketches.



From the wonderfully creative minds that brought you Alice is Missing, Banana Chan and Sen-Foong Lim have made another clever, intriguing, and collaborative game with engaging roleplaying aspects that deserves to be shared and played during any game night. An Exquisite Crime: A Surreal Storytelling Experience is reminiscent of games like A Quiet Year and A Fake Artist Goes to New York, with the players' drawings being tangible artifacts of their playthrough



experience. Collaboratively, players draw sketches of the victim, the suspects, witnesses, and the scene of the crime, which help them uncover the secrets that are locked away in each case.

An Exquisite Crime also brings roleplaying mechanics to the game, ensuring no plays will ever be quite the same. No GM is needed, one player just needs to learn the rules and teach them. Players spend the first 15 minutes of the game creating their characters, choosing their setting, and creating the inhabitants that live in the world. This can be done with the help of the six unique scenarios that come with the game, though, completing these scenarios doesn't mean the game is over! Players can use the formula of the pre-set scenarios to create their own worlds, creating infinite possibilities and unlimited re-playability!

The first step in the game is determining the setting which can be done by using the 6 scenario packs: Something is a Foot, A Murder Most Fowl, Ms. Fishmonger in the Library with a Candlestick, Triple Indemnity, Vegas: America's Favorite Desert Mirage, and Vancouver: Born to be Wild, or by using their imagination and inspiration from the 6 scenarios.

Character building is also made simple as players choose the character they want to play and equip themselves with a special Secret. Traits are assigned to characters using Zener cards. Zener cards are cards with symbols that were used by Karl Zener, a perceptual psychologist. He used these cards to test people to see if they have extrasensory perception, also known as ESP. Using these





cards allows players to test their own ESP to see if they can guess the symbols. Guess right, you get the trait at the top of the card. Get it wrong, no worries, there is a trait on the lower half of the card for your character. How cool is that?

Now it is time to interpret some visions and get to drawing. Players will contribute to drawing their interpretation of a vision card and completing one panel of the drawing (top, middle and bottom). The vision card is created by using the vision deck as inspiration to combine 5 words into a specific sequence: (Adjective) (Noun) (Verb)



(Adjective) (Noun). One player will describe and draw a new vision card while other players complete a panel of the Phantasmagraph. The Phantasmagraphs are paneled sheets divided into three sections consisting of a top, middle, and bottom. The trick is, the page is folded so only one pane is visible at a time. They are passed around the table until they are complete. Each panel has a prompt to help guide the artist who also utilizes descriptions coming from the player who is looking at and drawing the current vision card. The drawing that is created by the table will help solve the case!

This all may seem a bit intimidating for our non-artist gamers. But not to worry, all you stick figure artists, this game takes place in a surrealistic world where any type of art helps solve the mystery. Technical drawing ability is NOT what makes this game fun. What makes this game is the ability to work with your teammates to create a collaborative piece of art that reflects the surreal and wild world where your story takes place. In a single play session, two to four players will dive into the strange and surreal world that they have created. Time to break out your detective caps and tune into the spirit world, it is time to solve a mystery!

Aura Specialist In this game cases can range from being silly and goofy to dark and scary, and not all players are comfortable with mature themes containing murder, death, the occult, the paranormal, autopsy and crime. No worries, this game is truly made to be fun and comfortable for all players. Scenarios can be toned up or down, and players have a say about the content being discussed using the "X" and the "O" cards. These cards are put out in a place accessible to all. If at any point a player is uncomfortable with what is going on, all they need to do is tap the "X" card. This signals to rewind and redo the current scene. On the other hand, if a player is really enjoying a scene, they can tap the "O" card to signal that they would like to see more of what is happening in the scene. There are scenarios included that also fall more in the light hearted and silly category, so if players are looking for something a little less serious, are looking for something that is appropriate for younger folks, the core set includes scenarios that are more light hearted than others, though all scenarios can be calibrated to contain less mature themes.

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END OF YEAR PRODUCT ROUNDUP WIZK!DS

It has been a booming year for Paizo, and WizKids is proud to continue supporting the *Pathfinder* universe through its variety of product lines. 2023 marks the 10th year of *Pathfinder Battles* prepainted miniature sets, with set 24 closing out the year by introducing a brand-new *Battle Box* format. *Pathfinder Deep Cuts* finishes out its 3rd year of unpainted, pre-primed offerings with a tempting group of unique sculpts waiting to be brought to life by your paintbrush. This year also debuted *Pathfinder Legendary Cuts* for customizable sprue miniatures, including the monster multi-pack allowing for 18 unique goblin figures, with some more exciting figures to come. Here's a look at what's in store for *Pathfinder* in the final months of 2023.



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Pathfinder Battles Deep Cuts come with highly detailed figures, primed and ready to paint out of the box. These fantastic miniatures include deep cuts for easier painting. The packaging displays these miniatures in a clear and visible format, so customers know exactly what they are getting. This November brings a terrifying group of monsters looking to inflict deep cuts to your adventurers, once you've filled their cuts with color of course.

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Made of the softest premium plush materials, *Pathfinder* brings more fuzzy friends to life for heroic hugs and epic snuggles. Last year's plush debuted the Kobold and Goblin, iconic *Pathfinder* baddies that captured fans' hearts as they flew off the shelves. Come November, more fan favorites will get to cozy up with customers in the form of famous iconic character companions.

DROOGAMI

After a history of taming beasts that threatened her allies, Lini, the iconic gnome druid of the Green Faith was a reliable defense against the dangers of the wild. But when a stealthy snow leopard bested her while traveling, her companions fled and left her for dead. After receiving a cryptic prophecy from the voice of an unseen fey woman witnessing the encounter, the beast unexpectedly ceased its attack. Droogami then became a loyal companion to Lini, assisting her dedication to preserving the natural world.

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Droven as an adventuring assistant after
losing an arm and an eye to a devastating
shipwreck, this clockwork construct is packed
with utility. Serving its creator as a traveling
toolbox, as a reliable lookout, or as a combustible
explosive able to withstand the blast of its own bang, you can rely
on this little one to protect your character sheets being ambushed by
spilled soda at your next game session.



PATHFINDER BATTLES FEARSOME FORCES

Pathfinder Battles: Fearsome Forces Battle Box introduces a new configuration for randomized boxed miniatures. This release has two product configurations: the Single Miniature Booster (one random miniature) and the 12 count Battle Box (contains 12 Single Miniature Boosters). The set contains 18 collectible pre-painted figures of recognizable foes including serpentfolk, skeletons, nagaji, and more!



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EPISODE #61: MECHANICAL MONSTERS

Welcome to the latest "episode" of *Painting Happy Lil Minis* in *Game Trade Magazine*. Each month, Dave provides us with a look at a particular painting technique, how to apply that technique to a particular color, and maybe even an additional technique to take your paintiples to the next level.

You can also see Dave talking about miniatures, painting, and gaming on his new YouTube channel – *Build Paint Play* – Tuesday evenings at 7pm EST. Dave is joined by veteran hobbyist (and gaming store owner) Jake Krajeski, and occasionally by other painters who each bring great advice and their own style to the conversation.



PREHISTORIC ROBOTS?

We've been working on getting a copy of Horizon Zero Dawn: The Board Game for quite a few months now, highlighting its popularity! I mean who wouldn't want to play a board game populated by robotic animals of all shapes and sizes?

When deciding on the color scheme for these miniatures, I looked directly at the box cover for my inspiration. I'm a big fan of the "hard sci-fi" look of these creatures – dark silver and black internal workings covered in pale armor plates suggestive of some kind of plastic or ceramic composite material. This look is popular in many science fiction settings, including Star Wars.

When working with large areas of high tonal contrast (black vs. bone/white) there are two main ways to go about it. If you are confident in the way you paint pale bones and whites over a dark

basecoat, then you can start with a black primer, highlight the metallic areas, and then carefully build up your armor plates. This approach can be time-consuming but will also give a strong looking finish.

For this example, I chose the second option, where we start with a light primer coat (or two) and focus on painting black and silver over that. I think this approach is much better if you are looking to paint a batch of models quickly, which most of us are looking to do for our gaming.

The miniatures used as examples on these pages are from Horizon Zero Dawn: The Board Game from Steamforged Games. The artwork to the left is a piece of fan art by pixelcharlie from Deviantart.



I started with a coat of The Army Painter Skeleton Bone spray primer.



I then sprayed a layer of The Army Painter Matt White spray from above, leaving the Skeleton Bone showing in the shadows.



I accentuated some of the shadowed areas and recesses with some The Army Painter Soft Tone.



I then used The Army Painter Broadsword Silver Speedpaint over the metallic areas.



I then painted all of the black areas with The Army Painter Grim Black Speedpaint.



And finally, I carefully picked out the various details like eyes and various colorful markings, and painted the base black.

INSPIRATION FOR LICENSED PROPERTIES

When painting our miniatures, we might typically paint them exactly the way they are depicted on the box or in the rulebook, or we can paint them however we like! I've often found a great option to be a blend of the two.

Rather than slavishy following the particular schemes for each model, I look at other elements of the artwork, such as clothing, or landscapes to draw my inspiration from.



Dave Taylor first discovered painting miniatures for tabletop wargames in 1991. Since then he has painted over 10,000 minis of all shapes, sizes, and



genres. He now primarily paints miniatures for tabletop wargames, and has recently really enjoyed bringing board game miniatures to life

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DOCTOR WHO: NEMESIS (GF9 DWN01)

From Gale Force Nine, reviewed by Eric Steiger

**	14 & Up	#	2 - 4 Players
Ø	45 - 90 Minutes	8	\$60.00

I should preface this review by saying I'm not a huge Doctor Who fan. I've seen a few episodes here and there, enough to know who the principal villains of Nemesis are, but not much beyond that. However, it's a good game and like Gale Force Nine's other licensed offerings, you will like it even if you aren't familiar with the property it's based on...and you'll love it if you are.

At the beginning of the game, you take on one of four of the Doctor's chief antagonists: the Weeping Angels, the Cybermen, the Daleks, or the Master, and select between two different versions of them (such as Davros or the Emperor for the Daleks). You'll create a unique deck based on your villain and version choice, making for a great deal of asymmetric play and a lot of replayability. You'll also add four cards for each of two randomly selected iterations of the Doctor to your deck, and take the matching tokens to remind you which versions of the Doctor are opposing you.

On your turn, you'll move your Nemesis token to one of the four locations on your board, which will determine the actions you take later that turn. This is generally some combination of drawing cards, playing a specific card matching a criteria of some kind, moving cards, or gaining tokens. Once done, you'll get to play or move a



Minion; Minions can only be played to your own board but can later be moved to an opponent's to contest their locations and try to prevent their actions (a location contested by an opponent loses one of its printed actions; a location contested by a Doctor loses both). Then, you get to start a Conflict, by choosing a contested location. During the Conflict, you will add up your Minions' power, plus a d6 roll, and compare it to your opponent's — the loser's Minions are thwarted and discarded. Additionally, the Doctor and/or Companion(s), if present, will act against all Minions at a location; however, if you can thwart and capture the Doctor, it can represent a major power swing and bring you closer to victory.



Speaking of victory, you may be asking at this point, "how do I win?" and the answer is tricky, but elegant: there is no standard victory condition. Instead, every player's deck contains a Nemesis Scheme card, indicating that faction's route to victory. To win, you need to play your Nemesis Scheme, then fulfill its Win condition. Alternatively, each Doctor has a victory condition (a Hero Scheme) that any player can fulfill, making playing a Doctor against an opponent a careful calculation of risk vs. reward. Finally, each deck also has two Scheme cards based around capturing the Doctor - if you have any two different versions of the Doctor captured and play it, you will win.

Ultimately, this is a game about control and positioning - contesting key opponents' locations to deny them actions and resources, while using your locations to move you closer to completing your Scheme. One of the nice things about this game is that often, asymmetric games with individual goals feel like multiplayer solitaire, where players race to fulfill their own victory conditions and have very few options for direct interaction to sabotage their opponents. Here,

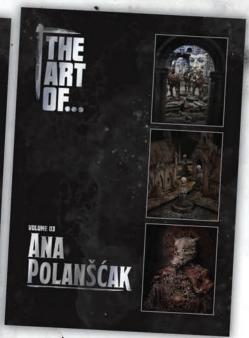
that's not at all the case, and I have just enough knowledge of the series to appreciate just how thematic a Daleks vs. Cybermen grudge match is. However, this can also lead to a kingmaking scenario if you are not careful.

If you are a fan of the series, you'll want to check out Doctor Who: Nemesis. While not a perfect game, it is dripping in theme, and very good at creating the kind of narrative fans will enjoy crafting.

Eric is your friend, and friends wouldn't let you play bad games.









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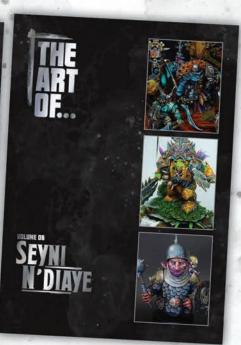
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ACQUIRE (RGS 02575)

From Renegade Games Studios, reviewed by John and Isaac Kaufeld

YP	12 & Up	#	2-6 Players
Ø	90 Minutes	8	\$50.00

Acquire is back! The classic game of building businesses, buying stock, and merging companies returns in a gorgeous new edition fresh from the minds at Renegade Game Studios.

Considered one of the best board games ever designed, Acquire's latest incarnation arrives just in time to celebrate the game's 60th anniversary in 2024. It features some call-backs to previous editions that fans will appreciates, plus a new way to play that throws classic strategies out the window and levels the field for new players.

Grab your room key and get ready to check out the pool. Here are the top five things you need to know about the hotel business in the newest version of Sid Sackson's famous Acquire. Players then draw hands of six tiles. The first player places one tile from their hand onto the board. The tile might start a new hotel chain, add to an existing hotel chain, merge two (or more) hotel chains, or simply sit

by itself as an independent building. Next, you can buy up to three shares of available stock in any hotel chain. Finally, you draw a replacement tile and end your turn. Play continues around the board in clockwise order.



When you place a new tile next to a lonely tile sitting by itself (an independent building), you start a hotel chain. You get to choose any available company, place its headquarters building on one of the tiles, and take a free share of stock. Congrats!

The company you choose determines how much the stock costs. Suppose the new hotel has two tiles in it. In that case, the economy hotel stock costs \$200 per share, mid-range stock is \$300 per share, and the luxury hotel stock is

\$400 per share. The luxury hotels provide bigger bonuses at merger time, but the economy chains help you accumulate stock more quickly for less money. There are trade-offs galore in Acquire.

A RETRO AESTHETIC

Although the game went through many editions and graphic designs since it first appeared in 1964, the basic look and feel of Acquire always stays the same — and Renegade proudly kept the tradition alive.

The board is black plastic with 12 columns by 9 rows of raised squares, each marked in white with the appropriate column and row identifier from 1A (upper left corner) to 12l (lower right corner). On each turn, the current player adds a light gray tile to the board by placing it over the matching raised square. The raised square holds the tile in place.

Compared to the vibrant, artistic boards typically seen in modern games, the plain black, white, and gray color scheme seems almost old-fashioned, but the game's player experience draws you in so completely that you'll honestly never notice the colors.



CASH IS KING

Winning a game of Acquire means, well, acquiring the largest stash of cash by the end of the game. (I know you saw that one coming, but I hate to disappoint.)

Players starts with an equal bankroll of \$6000 each. Over the course of the game, players invest their money in various hotel stocks, hoping that those stocks increase in value.

They also hope to be one of the main stockholders in the hotels when those companies merge with others on the board. Mergers are also the fastest way to grow the value of a stock, since the number of tiles in a hotel chain govern its stock price.

PLAYING THE GAME

To open the game, every player takes a random building tile from the supply and places it on the board. The player whose tile is closest to 1A goes first. The starting tiles stay in play on the board and are available to create hotel companies (more about that in a moment).

STOCK MAKES MERGERS MAGIC

Mergers give players a fast way to grow their hotels, but that's just the beginning. Mergers are also how to get quick cash or even find your way out of a bad investment.

Once you buy hotel stock, you can only sell the stock when that company is merged into another one. Mergers happen when any player puts down a tile that connects two companies orthogonally (diagonals don't count). In a merger, the smaller company's headquarters comes off the board.

Next, all players count the amount of stock they have in that company. In the new Tycoon Mode, the top three players get a stockholder bonus; Classic Mode only pays the top two.

Finally, players decide what to do with their now-defunct stock. They can sell it to the bank for the price it was immediately before the merger, trade it two-for-one for stock in the new company, or hold onto it and hope that someone brings that company back into play.

VERDICT

Renegade did an amazing job with this version of Acquire.

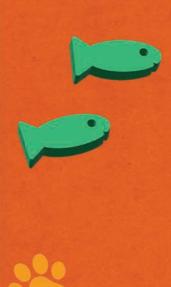
The new Tycoon Mode rules make this version my all-time favorite. Paying three bonuses with every merger instead of two might seem like a small thing, but it makes a big impact on player choices. Getting even a small cash infusion at the right time is enough to boost a player's position and put them on the path to a win.

Whether you're a long-time fan or a budding aficionado, you need this game on your shelf. Acquire earns our highest recommendation. You'll love it!

John Kaufeld often frets about whether the word "meeple" has a proper plural form. This rarely worries Isaac at all. Recently, they thre atened to launch a father and son podcast about gaming, movies, and family life called "And Maybe a Lemon." Who knows what might happen next?



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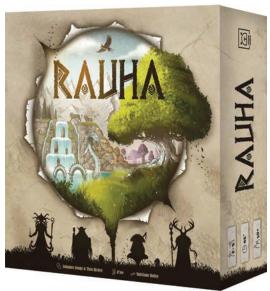


RAUHA (HBG GGRAUO1EN)

From Grrre Games, reviewed by Brian Herman



There's something truly magical about when a plan one has constructed comes together. Seeing the hard work one has toiled for pay off into dividends makes all the effort worth it. That's how I tend to feel about engine-building games. When I start, it often feels like work, like an uphill climb — but in the end, reaping the benefits of all that effort is immensely satisfying. It's with this mindset I approached Rauha, an engine-builder with the backdrop of terraforming a world's biome to appease ancient gods and prepare for life to flourish once again. Step into the role of a wizened shaman with me and let's get to it.



To set up Rauha, each player is given a player biome board with alternating "star" and "moon" notches built in around the edges and takes a player avatar to be placed at the first notch. A scoring board is placed into the center of the play area, with the various "Divine Entities" placed around it. Small satellite boards are placed between each player with a "star" and "moon" symbol on each side and four "Age I" cards are dealt to each. All players are given 4 energy crystals to use as currency, and the game can begin.

Gameplay in Rauha is asynchronous, meaning all players take their turns at the same time. Each player draws the stack of cards from their satellite with the matching symbol as the current notch on their biome board. Each player then chooses one of those cards to play

to their individual biome or to discard for a static bonus, putting the rest of the cards back on the satellite board for a future turn. Cards in Rauha have a variety of effects, but almost every single one has at least one symbol. At any point a player completes a row or column of three of the same symbols, they gain the favor of one of the "Divine Entities" near the scoreboard and can gain that

one next to their player board for different rewards. In addition, once all players have placed their card, each player triggers any spaces on their board in the same row or column as their current player avatar.



This is where the engine-building comes into play. Do you play cards immediately in the row or column where your player avatar is for immediate benefit, or do you try to complete rows and columns elsewhere to gain the favor of the "Divine Entities?" The answer is a bit of both, balancing each item for the greatest benefit. Every 3 turns as the player avatar moves around the board and hits a corner, all players must score their board, triggering any "Spores" that have been placed on any different spaces as well triggering any gained "Divine Entities" again. Also at this time, players compare the number of "Water" symbols, with victory points being awarded based on the difference between how much water each player has. After the first two sides of the board are gone through, future rounds are played with Age II cards, with greater costs and rewards, scaling appropriately as the endgame approaches.

Rauha has so much of what I love about games: Asynchronous gameplay, multiple paths to victory, and no two games are ever alike. The "Divine Entities" mechanic is intriguing, as the Entities are fickle, bouncing back and forth between players that complete rows and columns. The "Spores" mechanic allows players to build engines that will keep paying off round after round, letting

the biome build into a solid strategy as the game progresses.

The cardstock and materials quality are top notch, with the "floating" boards placed at setup allowing great flexibility for adjusting the needs of the table footprint instead of a single large gameboard in the center of the table. The

player biome board

theme of the game is incredibly strong, as the player biome board initially received is barren with just a couple abilities and grows to a flourishing ecosystem by the end of the game. This is the basis of Rauha's strongest appeal, building a biome that will over time pay for itself to thrive. Despite my best efforts at defining a single path to victory, there appears to be none. You must play the cards you get and hope for the best in a truly unique experience. If that sounds appealing to you, then give Rauha a try, you won't be disappointed.

Brian Herman has over 30 years experience playing games, is a father of two, and the Sorting Hat would have difficulty placing him between Ravenclaw and Slytherin. His favorite games include AEG's Smash-Up, WizKid's HeroClix line, as well as classics like Settlers of Catan and Munchkin.



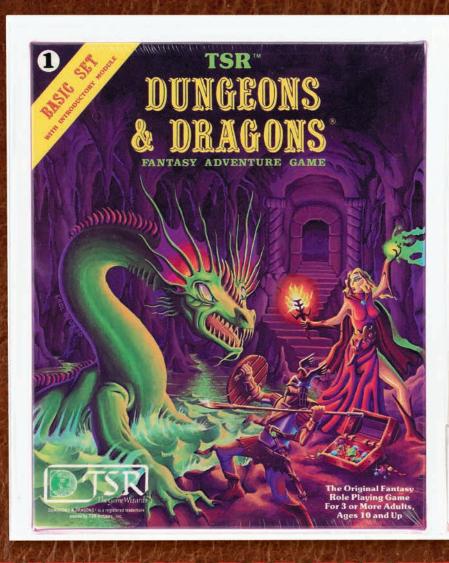
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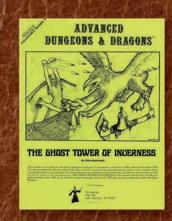
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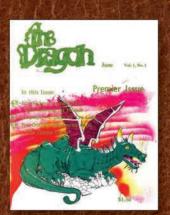


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LEAF (WCG 021)

From Weird City Games, reviewed by Whitney Grace

YF	10 & Up	#	1 - 4 Players
Ø	30 - 45 Minutes	8	\$40.00

Forests are inspirational places that serve as the setting for

many story mediums, including tabletop games. While forests elicit fantastic and mysterious feelings, they are magic enough by being nature bastions. Weird City Games understands the true magic of the forest with a game about leaf litter and changing seasons appropriately titled Leaf.

Players embody the wind and use their breezes to loosen leaves from branches. Leaves are then connected by their tips to form an essential layer of life for ground-dwelling organisms. By connecting leaves, players can attract animals, grow mushrooms, gain sunlight, or climb mighty trees. Once winter arrives the object changes to collecting as many acorns as possible to care for the hibernating and dormant creatures. Whoever gathers the most acorns wins the game.

It's not surprising Leaf has attracted so many fans; the story is absolutely wonderful (and educational), the components are original, the art is gorgeous, and gameplay is absorbing. Included in the box are one animal mat, one leaf mat, one tree board, four player squirrels, four player aids, 13 north wind cards, 36 leaf cards, 48 animal cards, 32 leaf tiles, 58 acorn tokens, 25 sun tokens, 60 mushroom tokens, one season marker, and one start player token.

The tree, leaf, and animal mats are all placed at the edge of the play area. The season marker is put in the starting area on the animal mat. Each player selects a color, takes the corresponding squirrel pawn and finding aid, 15 mushroom tokens, and is dealt three cards from the shuffled leaf deck. The leaf deck is placed face-down near the leaf mat while the animal deck is shuffled, placed face down, and five cards are placed face up on the animal mat. The leaf tiles are sorted by shape face down on their mat except for the starting leaves (indicated by a wind symbol). The starting leaves are placed face up on the piles. The starting leaves are set in the play area center with two leaf tips touching.



On each turn, the player plays one of their leaf cards, takes the top leaf shown on the card, and puts the leaf tile in the play area connecting at least two tips. When a leaf is connected, the player then takes leaf actions. Leaf actions are based on the colors the newly placed tile touches. Green leaves allow players to draw a leaf card, yellow leaves give sun tokens, brown moves squirrels up the mighty tree to collect extra tokens, red leaves grow mushrooms, and orange

gives an additional animal card. The player can also advance the season with three sun tokens during their turn.

During the warmer seasons it's vital to grow mushrooms to collect acorns in winter. It's also beneficial to have animals to keep the forest healthy.

As the seasons advance towards winter, occasional frost spells force players to select one animal to hibernate in the winter den. Players only earn points for animals in the winter den. Winter comes one of two ways in the game; either the season marker crosses the winter line or the third leaf tile pile is depleted. When winter begins players continue until everyone has had an equal number of turns. There's one final frost before the game ends.

Acorns are tallied and combined from the numerous actions in Leaf. They're earned by climbing the mighty tree, growing mushrooms on leaves, animals hibernating in the winter den, and from sun and leaf cards.

Leaf has many intricacies in gameplay but they're considerably easy to master. The

detailed play actions are definitely for older kids and adults who love a combination of simple storytelling, strategy, and puzzle assembly.

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Leaf's gameplay is enough to make it fun, but the truly remarkable part of this game are the leaf tiles. Yes, there are other games that require players to assemble a game from tiles but none of them double as a self-designed art puzzle. Weird City Games released a standard 52 card deck with the art from Leaf, but they could do the same by releasing the leaf tiles as a standalone game like dominos, solitaire, or mahjong tiles. The leaf tiles could also double as a puzzle or art medium like the multi-colored plastic tessellation tiles used in math classes. This makes even more sense because Leaf also has a solo play mode.

Weird City Games definitely knows how to rustle out remarkable games and storytelling from the forest. What's great about Leaf is it restores the curious wonder we have about nature that school turns into boring, hard facts. Plus making patterns with leaves is as cool as when the frost comes!

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Whitney Grace is a professional writer, pop culture historian, podcaster, and game creator. She was kicked out of her first D&D group because she didn't take the game seriously. Her roommate is an oversized, loud-mouthed kiwi bird.



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EVERYDAY HEROES RPG HARDCOVER (EVL 01000)

From Evil Genius Games, reviewed by Thomas Riccardi

14 & Up 2 - 5 Players
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Where other people run from danger, you run towards it. Whether you solve problems with an immense amount of firepower that would level a city block or someone that uses their mind as their ultimate weapon, you're ready to deal with whatever obstacles come your way. Do you have what it takes to be an Everyday Hero? Find out with the latest role-playing offering from Evil Genius Games!

This massive hardcover volume coming in at over 400 pages has everything that you will need to create heroes and craft exciting worlds, as well as an easy-to-learn rule system with enough adversaries to make your players sweat.

The book is split into three sections: the first deals with creating your ideal hero. You begin with the concept of the character that you would want to play by selecting the archetype for your hero; there are six to choose from such as Strong, Agile, Tough, Wise, Charming and Smart. Each of these archetypes has a dominant character trait; for example, an Agile character would have a high score in Dexterity. There are six traits that each hero possesses, and they are Strength, Dexterity, Constitution, Intelligence, Charisma and Wisdom. There are three ways to determine the scores for each, ranging from a pointbased system, assigning values to each attribute, or just simply rolling for each of the traits.

Next you can determine your character's background, not just to flesh out your hero but to give them special attributes, gear, and a special feature as well. Heroes also have a job and selecting one will not only determine what gear you start out with but

what gear you start out with but also your wealth level (which you can use to buy more gear). Lastly, a few finishing touches and your hero is ready to go into the world and deal with whatever evil comes their way.

The second section of the book contains the rules and provides you with everything you will need to allow your heroes to look awesome. From driving cars to shooting weapons, this system will allow you to perform all manner of amazing stunts with varying levels of difficulty.

The GM assigns a Difficulty Class or DC to a given task and also determines if they have advantage or disadvantage. If the player has advantage, they roll two d20 dice and pick the higher result, if not they only roll one die. (No matter the result, a roll of 20 is always considered a success while a 1 is always considered a failure.)

The last section of this book deals with running the game and this gives the GM all sorts of tips and tricks on how to host an intense game. From dealing

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to premade enemies of all shapes and sizes, you will be able to run a great game no matter the setting. In fact, instead of just pre-made bad guys such as thugs and assassins there are also enemies dealing with the past such as dinosaurs and from the future like aliens. There is even a section on how to create adventures so if you don't know where to start crafting your world you can use this as a stepping-stone. This system is flexible so there are no limits to the settings you can create from fantasy, modern, sci-fi and horror or a combination of them; the only limits are your imagination.

And that's not all — the folks over at Evil Genius Games have promised various cinematic adventures

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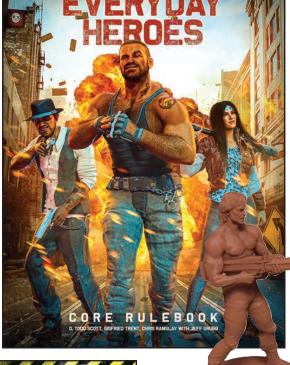
With a flexible game system and a myriad of class options Everyday Heroes is a system that you need to check out

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When not writing or playing games Thomas Riccardi can be found in Sacramento preparing for the day

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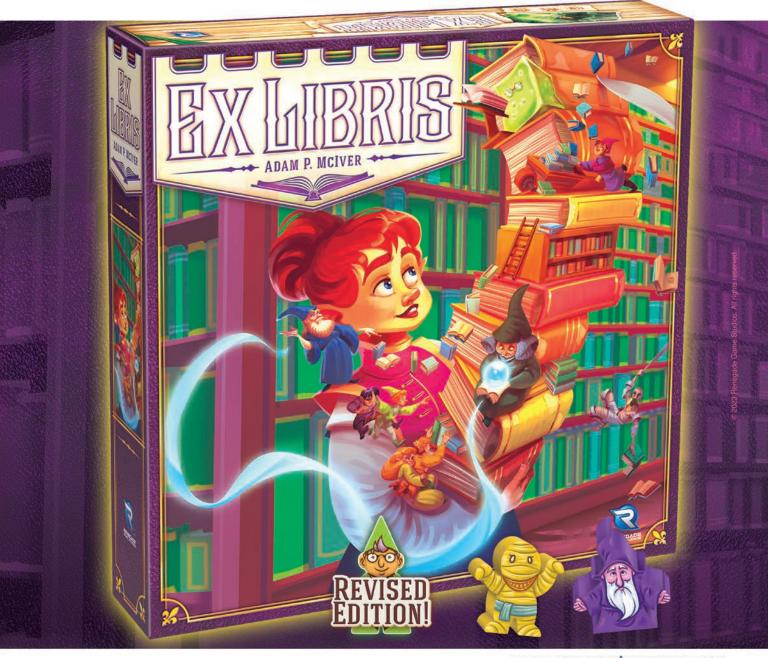






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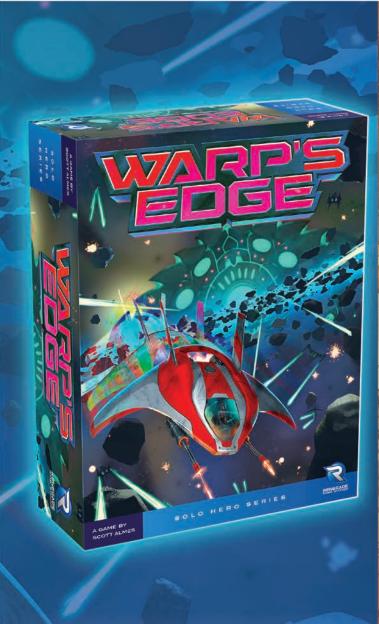
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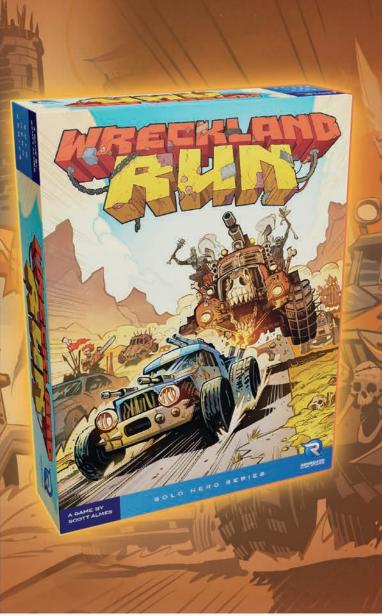
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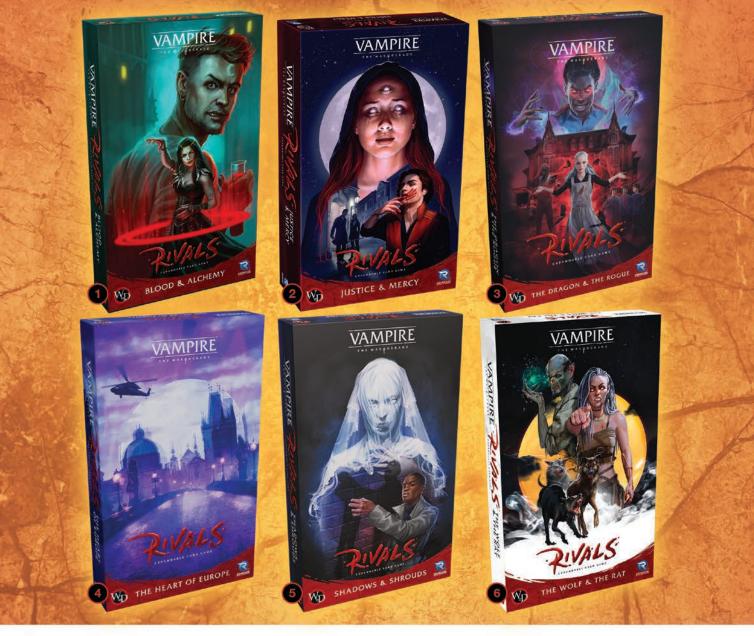
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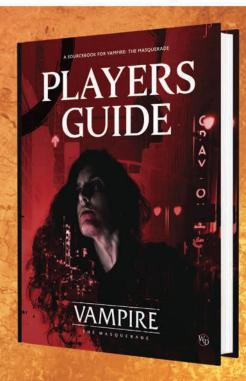
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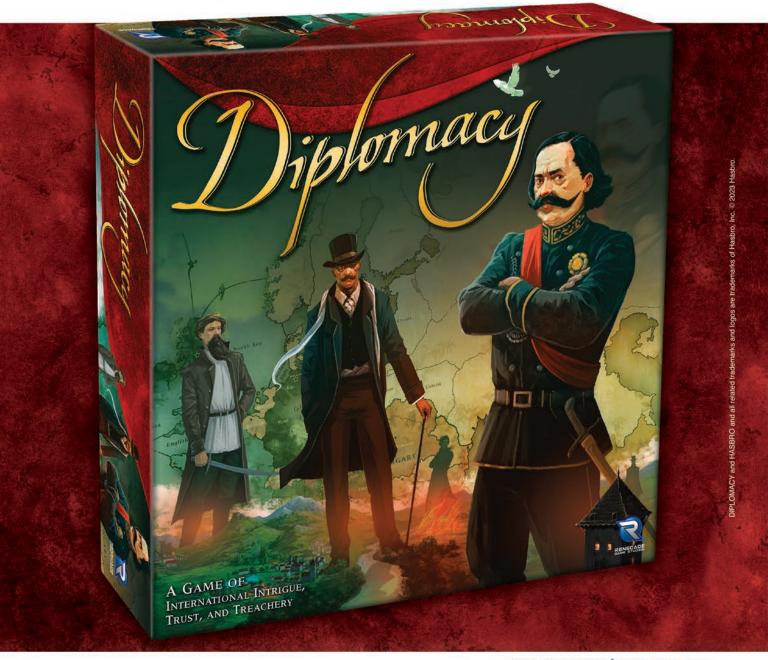
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